

ALMANAC

The German Reformed Church,

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1861.



What is thy only comfort in life and in death?

ANSWER.

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the Devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Father in Heaven, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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













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ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1867.

MOON'S SIGNS.		SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.				PLANETS AND ASPECTS.	
 New Moon.	 Full Moon.	 Ram.	 Lion.	 Bowman.	 Saturn.	 Venus.	
 First Quarter.	 Last Quarter.	 Bull.	 Virgin.	 Goat.	 Jupiter.	 Mercury.	
		 Twins.	 Balance.	 Waterman.	 Mars.	 Moon.	
		 Cancer.	 Scorpion.	 Fishes.	 Sun.	 Herschel.	

♄ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude. □ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees distant.
 ⊕ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart. △ Trine, when they are 120 degrees distant.
 ♅ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees distant.

THE PLANETS AND THEIR INFLUENCE ON THE WEATHER.

Saturn—Cold and dry. Mars—Hot and dry. Venus—Dark and warm. Herschel—Cold. [able.
 Jupiter—Warm and damp. Sun—Hot and dry. Mercury—Warm and dry. Moon—Cold, damp & change-

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, F.—Golden Number, 6.—Epact, 25.—Solar Cycle, 28.—Roman Indiction, 10.—
 Julian Period, 6580.

THE FOUR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox, entrance of the Sun into Aries, March 20, at 8 o'clock 40 min. in the evening.
 Summer Solstice, entrance of the Sun into Cancer, June 21, at 5 o'clock, 18 min. in the afternoon.
 Autumnal Equinox, entrance of the Sun into Libra, Sept. 23, at 7 o'clock, 48 min. in the morning.
 Winter Solstice, entrance of the Sun into Capricornus, Dec'r. 22, at 1 o'clock, 47 min. in the morning.
 ♄ Saturn is called the Governing Planet this year.

EMBER DAYS.

March 13, June 12, September 18, December 19.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS OF THE CHURCH.

Septuagesima Sunday, Feb. 17.	Palm Sunday, April 14.	Whit Sunday, (Pentecost) June 9.
Quinquagesima Sunday, March 3.	Good Friday, April 19.	Trinity Sunday, June 16.
Shrove Tuesday, March 5.	Easter Sunday, April 21.	First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 1.
Ash Wednesday, March 6.	Ascension Day, May 30.	Sundays after Trinity are 23.

The Jewish Era in 1867 commences Sept. 30., with 5628, and the Mohammedan, May 5, with 1284.

ECLIPSES IN THE YEAR 1867.

There will be four Eclipses this year, two of the Sun and two of the Moon, viz:

The first is an annular Eclipse of the Sun, on the 6th of March at 5 o'clock 10 minutes in the morning; here invisible, but visible in Europe, Asia and Africa.

The second is a partial Eclipse of the Moon, on the 20th of March, at 3 o'clock 47 minutes in the morning, visible. Beginning, 2 o'clock 15 minutes in the morning; middle, 3 o'clock 47 minutes in the morning; end, 5 o'clock 20 minutes in the morning. 9¼ inches of the Southern part of the Moon will be eclipsed.

The third is a total Eclipse of the Sun, on the 29th of August, at 8 o'clock 36 minutes in the morning, invisible here, but visible in South America, on the South Sea, and in a small part of Africa, at the Cape of Good Hope.

The fourth is a partial Eclipse of the Moon, on the 13th of September, at 7 o'clock 25 minutes in the evening; visible in part. Beginning, 5 o'clock 58 minutes in the evening; the Moon rises partly eclipsed at 6 o'clock 20 minutes in the evening; middle, 7 o'clock 27 minutes in the evening; end of the Eclipse, 8 o'clock 56 minutes in the evening. 8½ inches of the Northern part of the Moon will be eclipsed.

TABLE OF FESTIVALS.	Year.	Good Friday,	Easter,	Ascension day,	Whit Sunday,	Tr. Sunday,	First Advent,	Christmas,
	1868	April 10.	April 12.	May 21.	May 31.	24	Nov. 29.	Friday.
	1869	March 28.	March 28.	May 6.	May 16.	26	Nov. 28.	Saturday.
	1870	April 15.	April 17.	May 26.	June 5.	23	Nov. 27.	Sunday.

The calculations of this Almanac are made to solar time.

JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1867.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place	Miscellaneous Particulars.	S. sl. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets. h m	O. style
Tuesday	1 <i>New Year</i>	Gal. 3, 23-29	2 35		14 δ γ h h ris. 2 26 \curvearrowright	4 7	23 4	37 20	
Wednesday	2 Abel, Seth	Gen. 4, 2-8	3 44		26 γ in apo. γ sets 7 14	4 7	23 4	37 21	
Thursday	3 Enoch	" 5, 18-24	4 59		8 γ δ γ δ rises 5 3	5 7	23 4	37 22	
Friday	4 Isabella	1 Kings 21	5 56		21 \odot Sir. so. 11 40	5 7	22 4	38 23	
Saturday	5 Simon	Luke 2, 25-32	sets.		4 \odot 5th. \curvearrowright	6 7	22 4	38 24	

1] *Epiphany.* Gosp. Matth. 2, 1—12. Epist. Isa. 60, 1—6. *Day's length* 9 hours 18 min.

Sunday	6 <i>Epiphany</i>	Isa. 2	6 0		17 γ rises 4 44	6 7	21 4	39 25	
Monday	7 Isidor	" 42	7 4		1 δ γ γ sets 7 6	6 7	21 4	39 26	
Tuesday	8 Erhard	Matth. 3, 1-12	8 8		15 h rises 1 59	7 7	20 4	40 27	
Wednesday	9 Julian	" 5, 27 f.	9 14		29 γ * south 8 22	7 7	20 4	40 28	
Thursday	10 <i>Paul's imp.</i>	" 10	10 21		13 δ \odot δ south 12 6	8 7	19 4	41 29	
Friday	11 Hyginus	" 12	11 29		27 γ in perihelion	8 7	19 4	41 30	
Saturday	12 Rinehold	" 13, 1-22	morn.		11 γ Rigel so. 9 30	9 7	18 4	42 31	

2] *1st Sunday after Epip.* Gosp. Luke 2, 41—52. Ep. Rom. 12, 1—6. *Day's length* 9 hrs. 26 min.

Sunday	13 Hilary	Matth. 3, 13-17	12 36		25 \odot 13. γ ris. 4 22	9 7	17 4	43 J.	
Monday	14 Felix	Acts 24	1 48		9 h rises 1 38	9 7	17 4	43 2	
Tuesday	15 Maurice	Matth. 15	2 53		23 γ sets 6 46	10 7	16 4	44 3	
Wednesday	16 Marcellus	" 16	3 59		7 Spica rises 12 10	10 7	15 4	45 4	
Thursday	17 Anthony	Acts 9, 23 f.	5 5		21 Aretur. rises 10 58	10 7	15 4	45 5	
Friday	18 <i>Franklin born</i>	Prov. 3	5 57		4 γ in per. δ γ \odot	11 7	14 4	46 6	
Saturday	19 Heid. Cat.	1 Peter 3, 1-7	6 50		18 δ γ \odot enters \odot	11 7	13 4	47 7	

3] *2nd Sunday after Epip.* Gosp. John 2, 1—11. Ep. Rom. 12, 7—16. *Day's length* 9 hrs. 36 min.

Sunday	20 F. Sebastian	Mark 10	rises.		1 \odot 20. γ ris. 4 6	11 7	12 4	48 8	
Monday	21 Agnes	" 12	6 12		14 h rises 1 14	12 7	11 4	49 9	
Tuesday	22 Vincent	" 13	7 11		27 γ sets 6 25	12 7	10 4	50 10	
Wednesday	23 Emerenth	Matth. 5	8 10		10 γ * south 7 10	12 7	9 4	51 11	
Thursday	24 Timothy	1 Tim. 1	9 9		22 Regulus rises 6 51	12 7	8 4	52 12	
Friday	25 <i>Paul's Conv.</i>	Acts 9, 1-22	10 8		4 \odot Orion so. 9 20	13 7	7 4	53 13	
Saturday	26 Polycarpus	Matth. 6	11 6		16 Rigel south 8 34	13 7	6 4	54 14	

4] *3rd Sunday after Epip.* Gosp. Matth. 8, 1—13. Ep. Rom. 12, 17—21. *Day's length* 9 hrs. 50 min.

Sunday	27 F. Chrysost	Matth. 7	morn.		28 \odot 27. Sir. s. 10 4	13 7	5 4	55 15	
Monday	28 Charles	" 14	12 14		9 δ γ h h r. 12 50	13 7	4 4	56 16	
Tuesday	29 Valerius	Rom. 6	1 15		21 γ sets 6 4	13 7	3 4	57 17	
Wednesday	30 Adelgunda	Luke 9	2 17		3 γ in apo. δ so. 11 10	14 7	2 4	58 18	
Thursday	31 Virgil	" 12	3 20		16 δ γ γ rises 3 59	14 7	1 4	59 19	

Mars (δ) is on the 10th in opposition to the Sun, near the Earth, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.				CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—JAN.			
New moon,	5th day,	7 o'clock	23 min. Evening.	1, 2, clear;	3, cloudy;	4, 5, 6, rain and snow;	7, 8,
First Quarter,	13th "	11 "	24 " Forenoon.	9, variable;	10, 11, 12, cloudy;	13, 14, 15, variable;	
Full moon,	20th "	2 "	24 " Morning.	16, 17, clear;	18, cloudy;	19, 20, 21, clear, cold;	
Last Quarter,	27th "	9 "	34 " Morning.	22, 23, 24, mild;	25, snow;	26, 27, 28, coldest days;	
				29, 30, 31, variable.			

The calculations of the figures are made to solar time.



THE NEW YEAR.

What are they doing in the picture? Perhaps they are talking about the beginning of the New Year. They all seem serious and earnest, and this is just the spirit in which the New Year ought to be commenced. The future is all uncertain. The Scriptures tell us, we know not "what a *day* may bring forth;" still less do we know what a *year* may bring forth. The wisest thing we can resolve upon is, by the grace of God, to *be* good and to *do* good. Many persons begin the New Year with good resolutions. This is well enough, provided they are carried out. Some one has said, "The way to hell is paved with good resolutions." In too many cases, this proves only too true. It is better to act right in the *present*, than to resolve right for the future. Take care of each hour and each day as they pass, and the whole year will be right in the end.

Act—act, in the living present,
Heart within and God o'erhead.

The Sky an Indicator of the Weather.

The color of the sky, at particular times, affords wonderfully good guidance. Not only does a rosy sunset presage good weather, and a ruddy sunrise bad weather, but there are other tints which speak with equal clearness and accuracy. A bright yellow sky in the evening indicates wind; a pale yellow, wet; a neutral gray color constitutes a favorable

sign in the evening, and an unfavorable one in the morning. The clouds are again full of meaning in themselves. If their forms are soft, undefined, and full feathery, the weather will be fine; if their edges are hard, sharp, and definite, it will be foul. Generally speaking, any deep unusual hues betoken wind or rain; while the more quiet and delicate tints bespeak fair weather. These are simple maxims; and yet not so simple but that the British Board of Trade has thought fit to publish them for the use of seafaring men.

KNEEL DOWN WHEN YOU PRAY.

It is also right to pray standing; for we read in the Bible of good people who stood when they prayed.

When they worshipped in the temple or church, they generally stood; but when they prayed alone, they kneeled down. In the garden of Gethsemane, "Jesus kneeled down and prayed." St. Luke 22: 41.

David says: "O come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." Ps. 95: 6.

AGAINST QUARRELLING AND FIGHTING.

Let dogs delight to bark and bite,
For God hath made them so;
Let bears and lions growl and fight,
For 'tis their nature, too.

But, children, you should never let
Such angry passions rise;
Your little hands were never made
To tear each other's eyes.

Let love through all your actions run,
And all your words be mild;
Live like the Blessed Virgin's Son,
That sweet and lovely Child.

His soul was gentle as a lamb;
And, as His stature grew,
He grew in favor both with man,
And God His Father too.

Now, Lord of all, He reigns above,
And from His heavenly throne,
He sees what children dwell in love,
And marks them for His own.

FEBRUARY,

2nd Month, 28 Days.

1837.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	s. sl. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets. h m	O at 1/2 1/2
Friday	1 Bridget	Rom. 2	3 59	29	h rises 12 38 ☾	14 7	0 5	0 20	
Saturday	2 Candlemass	Luke 2, 22-32	4 39	12	q gr. Hel. lat. north	14 6	59 5	1 21	

5] 4th Sunday after Epip. Gosp. Matth. 8, 23-27. Ep. Rom. 13, 8-10. Day's length 10 hours 4 min.

Sunday	3 Blasius	Rom. 3	5 22	26	☾ 2 ☾ q ri. 3 56	14 6	58 5	2 22	
Monday	4 Veronica	" 4	sets.	10	4th. ☾ 3 ☾ 2	14 6	57 5	3 23	
Tuesday	5 Spener	Matth. 13, 31 f.	6 20	24	☾ south 10 45	14 6	56 5	4 24	
Wednesday	6 Dorothy	1 Cor. 14	7 26	8	Sirius south 9 17	14 6	54 5	6 25	
Thursday	7 Richard	2 Cor. 1	8 32	22	☾ 3 ☾ Orion so. 8 22	14 6	53 5	7 26	
Friday	8 Solomon	" 2	9 42	7	☾ Arctur. ris. 9 28	14 6	52 5	8 27	
Saturday	9 Apollonia	" 3	10 50	21	☾ gr. Hel. lat. south	15 6	51 5	9 28	

6] 5th Sunday after Epip. Gosp. Matth. 13, 24-30. Ep. Col. 3, 12-17. Day's length 10 hours 20 min.

Sunday	10 Scholastica	2 Cor. 4	11 55	5	☾ rises 3 55	15 6	50 5	10 29	
Monday	11 Euphrosina	" 5	morn.	20	11. ☾ 3 ☾ sup.	15 6	48 5	12 30	
Tuesday	12 Eulalia	" 7	1 2	4	☾ 2 ☾ rises 12 2	15 6	47 5	13 31	
Wednesday	13 Castor	2 Thess. 2	2 5	17	7* south 5 54	15 6	46 5	14 F.	
Thursday	14 Valentine	" 3	3 3	1	☾ 2 ☾ Rig. s. 7 16	14 6	45 5	15 2	
Friday	15 Faustinus	2 Cor. 8	3 57	14	☾ 2 ☾ south 9 40	14 6	44 5	16 3	
Saturday	16 Melanchton	" 9	4 45	27	Regulus south 12 2	14 6	42 5	18 4	

7] Septuagesima. Matth. 20, 1-6. Ep. 1 Cor. 9, 24-10, 5. Day's length 10 hours 38 min.

Sunday	17 Constantia	2 Cor. 10	5 29	10	☾ rises, 3-56	14 6	41 5	19 5	
Monday	18 Concordia	" 11	rises.	23	18. ☾ station.	14 6	40 5	20 6	
Tuesday	19 Susanna	Gal. 1	6 28	6	h ri. 11 40 ☾ ent.	14 6	39 5	21 7	
Wednesday	20 Eucharis	1 Kings 3	7 23	18	☾ greatest dis. west	14 6	38 5	22 8	
Thursday	21 Elenora	Gal. 6	8 18	0	☾ Sirius so. 8 22	14 6	37 5	23 9	
Friday	22 Wash. Birth	Prov. 10	9 15	12	Spica rises 9 32	14 6	35 5	25 10	
Saturday	23 Serenus	Matth. 13, 1-23	10 7	24	Arctur. rises 8 29	14 6	34 5	26 11	

8] Sexagesima. Gosp. Luke 8, 4-15. Ep. 2 Cor. 11, 19-12, 9. Day's length 10 hours 56 min.

Sunday	24 Matthew	Matth. 11, 25 f.	10 59	6	☾ rises 3 58	14 6	32 5	28 12	
Monday	25 Victor	Col. 4	11 55	18	h rises 11 22	13 6	31 5	29 13	
Tuesday	26 Nestor	1 Thess. 1	morn.	29	☾ 26. ☾ so. 9 6	13 6	30 5	30 14	
Wednesday	27 Leander	" 2	12 50	11	☾ in apo. Or. so. 7 8	13 6	28 5	32 15	
Thursday	28 Romanus	" 3	1 44	24	Andr. sets 9 4 ☾	13 6	27 5	33 16	

Venus (☿) is Morning Star until the 25th of September, 10 o'clock 22 minutes in the morning, then again Evening Star until the end of the year.

Jupiter (♃) is on the 3d in conjunction with the Sun and cannot be seen this month.

MOON'S PHASES.

New moon 4th day, 1 o'clock 1 min. Afternoon.
First Quarter, 11th " 8 " 25 " Evening.
Full moon, 18th " 2 " 26 " Afternoon.
Last Quarter, 26th " 6 " 20 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—FEB.

1, 2, 3, rain and snow; 4, 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, cloudy;
9, 10, cold; 11, 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, clear; 16,
17, cloudy with snow; 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, rain;
22, 23, north wind; 24, cold; 25, 26, 27, clear; 28,
moderate.



THE SAILOR'S BIRD.

That bird is called the Great Auk. It is a sea-bird, and about as large as a goose. It is a bird the sailors love to see, because it never goes out of the soundings; and when they see it, they know that they are near the land. God makes all things for some good purpose, and by this bird He guides and delights those who are weary voyaging on the sea.

EDUCATING POOR YOUNG MEN FOR THE MINISTRY.

A minister collecting money for Beneficiary Education, asked a farmer for a contribution.

"No," said he, "we have a minister, and that is enough."

"Have you enough horses on your farm?"

"Yes."

"Does not one of them die now and then?"

"Yes, certainly."

"Well, what do you do then?"

"O, we always have young ones coming on to take their places."

"That is just what we are doing in the Church. As some finish their work, we are bringing forward

others to take their places. The one you now have will not live forever, and you may need a new one some time. And as some whom God calls are poor, we must furnish the means for their education."

"Yes—so—well"—and he gave him five dollars! the first he had ever given in his life to that object.

OUR CHURCH MUSIC.

All who are really interested in public worship, must often have felt how unsatisfactory our Church Music is. There is nothing fixed—all is floating. From all directions are our tunes gathered up. Those who lead have piles of books. They fancy a tune, learn and sing it; but the congregation cannot join in the new tune. New books of rollicking tunes knock for admittance into our Sunday Schools, and they are often allowed to enter. From them our children learn to sing tunes which no one pretends ought ever to be sung in the church worship. The result is, that in many churches not one-tenth of the worshippers pretend to sing. How can they be expected to sing the new tune, which the choir itself has only learned the preceding week—a tune they have never heard, and are not likely to hear a second time! The evil thing is getting to be absolutely intolerable.

What is the remedy? Let us ask, first, whence does the evil come? It comes chiefly from the fact, that in the transition from German to English, the Church could not take its old hymns with their chorals along. English Hymns were of a different metre, and could not be sung to the choral tunes. The Church, having provided no music suitable, the congregations had to snatch up both hymns and tunes wherever they could find them. Thus English Hymnodists and tune-composers became our teachers, and have caused us to turn away from the rich inheritance of our own German Fatherland.

What now is the remedy? A return to the chorals and chants, with addition of those tunes of English origin which have proved themselves, by time and trial, to be Christian classics. Let the Church give us our music, as it gives us our hymns and forms of worship; and this miserable modern hash, "let it not once be named among you, as becometh saints."


MARCH,

3rd Month, 31 Days.








1867.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	s. sl. rises m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets h m	O style
Friday	1 Albinus	Dan. 3	2 40	 7	h rises 11 10 ☾	13 6	26 5	34 17	
Saturday	2 Simplicius	Job 1	3 48	 20	☾ ☽ q rises 4 0	12 6	25 5	35 18	








9] *Quinquagesima.* Gosp. Luke 18, 31-43. Ep. 1 Cor. 13. *Day's length* 11 hrs. 12 min.

Sunday	3 Samuel	1 Sam. 4	4 38	 4	☽ south 8 30	12 6	24 5	36 19	
Monday	4 Adrian	1 Sam. 5	5 10	 18	☾ ☽ 2 h stationary	12 6	22 5	38 20	
Tuesday	5 <i>Shrove Tues.</i>	Joel 2	5 51	 2	Sir. so. 7 34	12 6	21 5	39 21	
Wednesday	6 <i>Ash Wednsdy.</i>	Job 42	sets.	 16	6 Ri. s. 10 40	12 6	19 5	41 22	
Thursday	7 Perpetua	1 Tim. 2	7 44	 1	☾ ☽ ☿ ☿ sets 6 40	11 6	18 5	42 23	
Friday	8 Philemon	Philemon	8 46	 16	7* sets 11 40	11 6	17 5	43 24	
Saturday	9 Prudence	1 Tim. 3	9 52	 1	☿ gr. eastern long.	11 6	15 5	45 25	








10] *1st Sunday in Lent.* Gosp. Matth. 4, 1-11. Ep. 2 Cor. 6, 1-10. *Day's length* 11 hrs. 32 min.

Sunday	10 Appolonius	1 Tim. 4	10 58	 16	☿ rises 4 2	11 6	14 5	46 26	
Monday	11 Ernestus	" 5	11 59	 0	h rises 10 48	10 6	13 5	47 27	
Tuesday	12 Gregory	" 6	morn.	 14	☾ per. ☿ stat.	10 6	11 5	49 28	
Wednesday	13 <i>Emberday</i>	Gal. 2	1 2	 28	13th. ☾	10 6	10 5	50 29	
Thursday	14 Zachariah	Luke 1, 5-25	1 56	 11	☽ gr. Hel. lat. no.	9 6	9 5	51 2	
Friday	15 Christopher	2 Tim. 1	2 47	 24	☽ south 7 24	9 6	8 5	52 3	
Saturday	16 Cyprianus	" 2	3 40	 7	☿ stationary	9 6	6 5	54 4	


11] *2nd Sunday in Lent.* Gosp. Matth. 15, 21-28. Ep. 1 Thess. 4, 1-7. *Day's length* 11 hrs. 52 min.

Sunday	17 Gertrude	Psalms 23	4 10	 20	☿ sets 6 36	9 6	4 5	56 5	
Monday	18 Anselm	Titus 1	4 46	 2	☿ rises 4 2	8 6	2 5	58 6	
Tuesday	19 Josephus	" 2, 1-10	5 26	 14	☽ ris. 10 32 ☾	8 6	1 5	59 7	
Wednesday	20 Matrona	" 3	rises.	 26	☽ 20. ☾ ec. vis.	8 6	0 6	0 8	
Thursday	21 Benedictus	1 John 1	6 59	 8	☽ in ap. Sp. com. D. & N. eq.	7 5	59 6	1 9	
Friday	22 Paulina	2 Pet. 1	7 48	 20	7* sets 11 3	7 5	58 6	2 10	
Saturday	23 Eberhard	" 2	8 44	 2	☽ south 7 1	7 5	57 6	3 11	

12] *3rd Sunday in Lent.* Gosp. Luke 11, 14-28. Ep. Eph. 5, 1-9. *Day's length* 12 hours 8 min.

Sunday	24 Gabriel	Luke 1, 1-25	9 40	 14	☾ ☽ h ☿ rises 4 4	6 5	56 6	4 12	
Monday	25 <i>Ann. V. M.</i>	" 1, 26-28	10 33	 26	☽ ☽ ☽ h ris. 10 12	6 5	54 6	6 13	
Tuesday	26 Emmanuel	Isa. 8	11 28	 8	☽ in apo. ☽ ☽ ☽ inf.	6 5	53 6	7 14	
Wednesday	27 Gustavus	1 John 2	morn.	 20	☽ Ori. se. 11 50	6 5	52 6	8 15	
Thursday	28 Malchus	John 18	12 27	 2	28th. ☽	5 5	50 6	10 16	
Friday	29 Eustatius	Heb. 7	1 20	 16	Sirius sets 11 7	5 5	49 6	11 17	
Saturday	30 Guido	Psalms 6	2 18	 28	Regulus so. 7 21	5 5	48 6	12 18	

13] *4th Sunday in Lent.* Gosp. John 6, 1-15. Ep. Gal. 4, 21-31. *Day's length* 12 hours 26 min.

Sunday	31 Detlaus	Matth. 26	3 18	 11	☽ ☽ 2 Proc. so. 6 53	4 5	47 6	13 19	
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MOON'S PHASES.

New moon 6th day, 4 o'clock 38 min. Morning.
 First Quarter, 13th " 3 " 37 " Morning.
 Full moon, 20th " 3 " 47 " Morning.
 Last Quarter, 28th " 2 " 40 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—MARCH.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, 6, rain; 7, 8, 9, mild; 10, 11, variable; 12, 13, 14, 15, clear; 16, 17, pleasant; 18, 19, moderate; 20, stormy; 21, 22, 23, north wind, cold; 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, cloudy; 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, rain.



THE MARTYRS.

If God had ever intended that men should be forced into any particular form of religious faith, He could have done it Himself; for He has all power. But this is not God's way. Many have pretended to be more zealous than God, and hence have resorted to force. In early times, the heathen burnt Christians who refused to deny Christ. In later times, even professing Christians burnt others, who could not believe as they did. In the picture, you see a venerable Christian at the stake, with the flames gathering around him; but he is ready to endure it all, rather than to deny Christ and his faith. These martyrs have always been held in high honor in all ages of the Church. They were true heroes, saying by their acts and sufferings: "It is not necessary

that I should live, but it is necessary that I should not deny Christ." Thus they have served Christ and His cause more by dying than they could have done by living. "The ashes of the martyrs are the seed of the Church." Through death they have attained a crown of glory that fadeth not away in heaven; and the Church on earth will ever sing, in its *Te Deum*,

"The noble Army of Martyrs praise Thee."

PALM-SUNDAY.

This is the Sunday before Easter. Do you know why it is called Palm-Sunday?

On that day, Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and when the people heard that he was coming, they took branches of Palm-trees, and spread them in His way. This they did to show their joy, and also because He was the King of the Jews. In old times, the people used to spread Palm leaves in the road over which their kings passed. Because these Palm-branches were spread in His way, the day is called Palm-Sunday.

This is also a holy day for children. For on that same day, when Jesus entered into the temple, the children cried out in joy, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" You can read about this in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

We want you also to read about Christ's entering into Jerusalem, in St. Mark 11: 1-11; also in St. Luke 19: 29-40; also in St. John 12: 12-15.

Those children were happy when they saw Jesus coming into the temple. I hope you will also honor Him with gladness and love. Our Saviour is pleased when children show their love toward Him. On that same Sunday, when the children cried "Hosanna," in the temple, He said, that "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings God had perfected praise!"

It is true, you cannot spread palm branches in His way, as did Salem's children. He does not ride before you down the slope of Olivet; but he passes before you in His endless love. Instead of palm branches, you can lay your heart as an offering of love at His sacred feet, and sing in your joy, "Hosanna to the Son of David: blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest!"








APRIL,

4th Month, 30 Days.








1867.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R. & S. h m	Moon's Place.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	s. sl. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets h m	O. style
Monday	1 Theodore	Psalm 12	4 0	 25	♄ ♃ ♀ ♀ ris. 4 1	4 5	4 5	6 15	20
Tuesday	2 Theodosia	" 16	4 42	 10	♄ rises 9 40	4 5	4 4	6 16	21
Wednesday	3 Ferdinand	" 18	5 20	 24	♄ ♃ ♀ ♀ se. 11 10	3 5	4 3	6 17	22
Thursday	4 Ambrosius	Matth. 27	sets.	 9	♄ ♃ ri. 4 6 mor.	3 5	4 1	6 19	23
Friday	5 Maximus	" 28	7 59	 24	7* sets 10 11	3 5	4 0	6 20	24
Saturday	6 Egésippus	Heb. 1	8 59	 10	Sirius sets 10 38	3 5	3 9	6 21	25








14] 5th Sunday in Lent. John 8, 46—59. Ep. Heb. 9, 11—15. Day's length 12 hours 46 min.

Sunday	7 Aaron	Exodus 4	9 58	 25	♄ in per. Or. s. 11 11	2 5	3 7	6 23	26
Monday	8 Dyonisius	Acts 17	10 57	 9	Regulus so. 8 51	2 5	3 6	6 24	27
Tuesday	9 Prochorus	" 7	11 58	 24	Spica so. 12 8	2 5	3 5	6 25	28
Wednesday	10 Daniel	Dan. 6	morn.	 8	♄ ♃ ♀ ♀ ri. 3 58	1 5	3 3	6 27	29
Thursday	11 Julius	Acts 27	12 48	 21	♄ 11. ♄ se. 12 49	1 5	3 2	6 28	30
Friday	12 Eustachius	Heb. 3	1 38	 4	♄ rises 8 56	1 5	3 1	6 29	31
Saturday	13 Justinus	" 4	2 9	 17	♄ rises 3 40	0 5	2 9	6 31	A.




15] Palm Sunday, Gosp. Matth. 21, 1—9. Ep. Phil. 2, 5—11. Day's length 13 hours 4 min.

Sunday	14 Tyburtius	2 Sam. 3	2 58	 29	Sirius sets 10 11	5 28	6 32	2	
Monday	15 Olympia	Heb. 5	3 28	 12	♄ ♃ ♀ sets 12 40	5 27	6 33	3	
Tuesday	16 Calixtus	" 8	3 59	 24	♄ Antar. ri. 10 18	5 26	6 34	4	
Wednesday	17 Rudolph	" 9, 16 ff	4 56	 6	♄ Rigel se. 8 57	1 5	2 5	6 35	5
Thursday	18 Maundy Th.	1 Cor. 11, 23 ff	rises.	 18	♄ ♃ ♀ ris. 3 50	1 5	2 4	6 36	6
Friday	19 Good Friday	Isa. 53	7 38	 1	♄ rises 3 22	1 5	2 2	6 38	7
Saturday	20 Sulpitius	Heb. 11	8 34	 13	♄ ♃ ♄ rises 8 20	1 5	2 1	6 39	8

16] Easter. Gosp. Mark 16, 1—8. Ep. 1 Cor. 5, 6—8. Day's length 13 hours 20 min.

Sunday	21 Easter Sund.	Matth. 28, 1-10	9 30	 27	7* se. 9 10 ♄ ent. ♄	1 5	2 0	6 40	9
Monday	22 Easter Mond.	Luke 24, 13-35	10 26	 9	Regulus so. 8 0	1 5	1 8	6 42	10
Tuesday	23 St. George	" 24, 36-47	11 18	 21	♄ great. dist. west	2 5	1 7	6 43	11
Wednesday	24 Albert	Psalm 19	morn.	 3	♄ rises 4 50	2 5	1 6	6 44	12
Thursday	25 Mark Evan.	1 Peter 5, 12 ff	12 4	 15	♄ Sirius se. 9 27	2 5	1 5	6 45	13
Friday	26 Cletus	1 John 3, 1-12	12 47	 28	♄ 26 Or. s. 9 54	2 5	1 4	6 46	14
Saturday	27 Anastasius	Heb. 12	1 29	 11	♄ ♃ rises 3 45	2 5	1 2	6 48	15

17] 1st Sunday after Easter. Gosp. John 20, 19-31. Ep. 1 John 5, 4-10. Day's length 13 hours 38 min.

Sunday	28 Vitalis	Psalm 22	1 59	 24	♄ sets 12 18	3 5	1 1	6 49	16
Monday	29 Sybilla	" 33	2 28	 8	♄ ♃ ♄ ♄ s. 12 6	3 5	1 0	6 51	17
Tuesday	30 Eutropius	" 35	2 58	 22	♄ ♃ rises 2 44	3 5	9 6	54	18

Saturn (♄) is on the 29th in opposition with the Sun, near the Earth, and shines the whole night.

MOON'S PHASES.

New moon, 4th day, 5 o'clock 2 min. Evening.
 First Quarter, 11th " 10 " 8 " Morning.
 Full moon, 18th " 6 " 7 " Evening.
 Last Quarter, 26th " 9 " 2 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—APRIL.

1, 2, pleasant; 3, 4, thunder showers; 5, 6, 7, clear;
 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, 16, variable;
 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, 21, pleasant; 22, cloudy; 23,
 24, thunder storm; 25, 26, cloudy; 27, 28, 29, pleasant;
 30, thunder shower.



THE CHILDREN, THE FLOWERS AND THE ANGELS.

The picture is a spring scene.

What a lovely season is Spring!

"For, lo, the winter is past,

"The rain is over and gone;

"The flowers appear on the earth;

"The time of the singing of birds is come,

"And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

The little children are playing with the flowers, and the little angels are hovering over them, and enjoying their innocent and beautiful amusement. Can you think of three more beautiful objects—the happy little Children, the beautiful Flowers, and the friendly Angels?

EASTER.

Easter is a joyful holiday. It celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The disciples were sad when the Lord was crucified, dead, and buried; but they were glad when they saw that He had risen from the dead.

He rose early on Sunday morning. You can

read about His resurrection in the last chapter of Matthew, the last chapter of Mark, the last chapter of Luke, and the next to the last chapter of John. We hope you will get your Bible and read all these chapters.

The Church has always had a great many beautiful customs connected with Easter. One was the giving the children Easter eggs: the eggs being a symbol of resurrection, and the color indicating that the blood of Christ is the ground of the resurrection and a new life.

In old times, when Christians went out on Easter morning, and met any one, they did not say, "Good morning," as we do; the one said: "The Lord is risen!" Then the other replied: "The Lord is risen indeed!" This was a very beautiful custom.

As Christians were joyful on Easter day, they imagined that all nature was more joyful on that day than on any other. In some parts of Ireland and England, there is a legend which says, that the sun dances in the sky on Easter Sunday morning. We know very well that this was not the case, but it shows that the people regarded Easter morning as a very happy time.

Easter comes in the spring, when all nature begins to revive from the long sleep of winter. This teaches us a beautiful lesson. God seems to call all life from its cold sleep of winter. The grass begins to get green on the graves. We may well believe that if God sends new life to the grass on the tops of the graves, He will not forget to bring to life again the bodies of His saints which sleep beneath!

Thus, all nature seems to foretell of the Resurrection; and the new life which spring begins to awaken over the earth, seems to join in the glorious Easter Hymn.

Easter day tells us that Jesus Christ rose from the dead. But it tells us also that we shall rise at the last day. He will bring us up from the grave, and give us a body like unto His own glorious body. What a happy Easter day will that be, when we shall hear the words: "Awake, and sing, ye that dwell in dust!"

Then we shall die no more.





The Lord is risen. We shall also rise. Hallelujah! then, on Easter morning!

MEN, like horses, start aside from objects they see imperfectly. Enmities, excited by an indistinct view, would often be allayed by conference.








MAY,

5th Month, 31 Days.








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Wednesday	1 Philip & Ja.	John 14, 1-14	3 28		♂ ♀ ♀ rises 3 35	3 5	8 6	52 19	
Thursday	2 Sigismund	Psalm 51	3 59		♂ ♀ ♀ Aret. so. 11 30	3 5	7 6	53 20	
Friday	3 Inv. of Cross	" 102	4 58		♀ in aphelion	3 5	6 6	54 21	
Saturday	4 Florianus	" 103	sets.		4. 7* sets 8 20	3 5	5 6	55 22	








18] 2d Sunday aft. Easter. Gosp. John 10, 12-16. Ep. 1 Pet. 2, 21-25. Day's length 13 hours 52 min.

Sunday	5 Godard	Psalm 104	8 54		♂ in per. ♀ so. 11 52	3 5	4 6	56 23	
Monday	6 Aggeus	" 118	9 55		♂ rises 1 59	4 5	2 6	58 24	
Tuesday	7 Domicilla	James 1	10 49		♂ ♀ ♀ Sp. s. 10 20	4 5	1 6	59 25	
Wednesday	8 Stanislaus	" 2	11 40		♀ great. Hel. lat. so.	4 5	0 7	0 26	
Thursday	9 Job	" 3	morn.		♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ se. 11 59	4 4	59 7	1 27	
Friday	10 Gordianus	" 4	12 24		10. Sir. so. 8 26	4 4	58 7	2 28	
Saturday	11 John Arndt	" 5	12 51		♀ rises 3 30	4 4	57 7	3 29	







19] 3d Sunday aft. Easter. Gosp. John 16, 16-23. Ep. 1 Pet. 2, 11-20. Day's length 14 hours 8 min.

Sunday	12 Pancratius	Psalm 121	1 36		♂ Orion sets 8 54	4 4	56 7	4 30	
Monday	13 Servatius	Rev. 1	2 8		Areturus so. 10 49	4 4	55 7	5 M	
Tuesday	14 Christianus	" 3	2 38		Librae south 11 37	4 4	54 7	6 2	
Wednesday	15 Sophia	" 14	3 27		Antares rises 8 27	4 4	53 7	7 3	
Thursday	16 Peregrina	" 16	4 16		♂ rises 1 31	4 4	53 7	7 4	
Friday	17 Jodocus	Jude	4 49		♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ s. 11 20	4 4	52 7	8 5	
Saturday	18 V. Herberger	Rev. 17	rises.		18. ♀ ris. 3 23	4 4	51 7	9 6	

20] 4th Sunday aft. Easter. Gosp. John 16, 5-15. Ep. Jas. 1, 16-21. Day's length 14 hrs. 20 min.

Sunday	19 Potentia	Rev. 18	8 20		♂ sets 11 40	4 4	50 7	10 7	
Monday	20 Torpetus	Levit. 7	9 10		Sirius sets 7 54	4 4	49 7	11 8	
Tuesday	21 Prudence	" 8	9 54		Orion sets 7 42	4 4	48 7	12 9	
Wednesday	22 Helena	" 9	10 36		Sp. s. 851 ☉ ent. ♀	4 4	47 7	13 10	
Thursday	23 Desiderius	Rev. 19	11 16		Castor sets 11 33	4 4	47 7	13 11	
Friday	24 Esther	Esther 2	11 56		Procyon sets 9 47	4 4	46 7	14 12	
Saturday	25 Urbanus	Acts 3	morn.		♀ rises 3 19	4 4	45 7	15 13	

21] 5th Sunday aft. Easter. Gosp. John 16, 23-30. Ep. Jas. 1, 22-27. Day's length 14 hrs. 32 min.

Sunday	26 Edward	Acts 5	12 46		♂ ♀ gr. H. l. s.	3 4	44 7	16 14	
Monday	27 Tucianus	" 7	1 24		♂ ris. 12 59	3 4	44 7	16 15	
Tuesday	28 William	" 8, 1-13	1 59		♂ south 10 47	3 4	43 7	17 16	
Wednesday	29 Maximilian	" 8, 18 ff	2 24		Regulus sets 12 3	3 4	42 7	18 17	
Thursday	30 Ascension	" 1, 1-11	2 59		♂ sets 11 29	3 4	42 7	18 18	
Friday	31 Manilius	" 9, 23 ff	3 29		♂ ♀ ♀ ♀ ☉ superi'r	3 4	41 7	19 19	

MOON'S PHASES.

New moon 4th day, 2 o'clock 43 min. Morning.

First Quarter, 10th " 5 " 8 " Evening.

Full moon, 18th " 8 " 56 " Morning.

Last Quarter, 26th " 12 " 23 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—MAY.

1, 2, warm; 3, 4, showers; 5, 6, 7, pleasant; 8, rain; 9, variable; 10, 11, pleasant; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, cloudy; 17, 18, 19, pleasant; 20, thunder shower; 21, 22, 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, warm with showers; 27, 28, 29, 30, pleasant; 31, thunder storm.



HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN.

Ascension day is kept by the Church as a holy-day. Pastors preach on the glorious fact which the day celebrates. The hearts of the people, in hymns and prayers, are raised by faith to commune with things that are above, where Christ now lives and reigns. The ascension of Christ was—

1. Visible. He went up in sight of His disciples.
2. It was a real removal of His glorious person from one place to another, from earth to heaven.
3. His ascension was for the advantage, and not to the loss of His people: for "He continues there for our interest."

Let all the churches be open on this holy day; and let no considerations of earthly gain keep God's people from the sanctuary.

"Now ye saints, lift up your eyes!
See the Conquerer mount the skies;
Troops of angels on the road,
Hail and sing th' incarnate God.

THE SILENT WEEK.

Our Christian forefathers have called the week before Easter, the Silent Week. "Die Stille Woche," is the German name. Sometimes they call it the Holy Week.

These names teach us how they thought it ought to be kept. They thought it ought to be spent in silent meditation on the sufferings of Jesus Christ. They regarded it as a sacred and holy time.

It is a beautiful custom in the Church to have service every evening during the Silent Week. At such services, the words that our Saviour spoke during that day, are all read in the evening service. The minister speaks of the acts which He did, and of the acts which were done to Him on that day. Prayers are also made, and hymns about the sufferings of Christ are sung. These services are very solemn, and Christians love them very much.

We hope you will often think of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, during the holy week. Think how He suffered and died that He might bring us to heaven.

THE SECOND BLAST OF THE TRUMPET.

"Will you put any thing in the new Almanac about the people standing around the door of the church and talking, till the minister comes, instead of going right in as soon as they reach the church?" so asked a pastor.

"We had an article on that subject in a former one," was our reply.

"But they do it still," said he.

"Very well, then we must have it put in a second time."

So, then, here it is. Now, hear it, ye people, one and all! It is bad manners, and bad piety that lies at the root of this bad practice. Go right in, and devoutly take your place. Say your prayers, meditate upon the goodness of God, ask Him to grant His blessing upon the message which the pastor shall bring from Him. This is better than waiting outside, where it is very difficult to keep from talking and doing things which do not well comport with the day and the place.

STARVING OUT PASTORS.

Some congregations with whom their pastor has fallen into disfavor, take this method of dismissing him. This is,

1. Cowardly and mean.
2. It is dishonest and dishonorable.
3. It is cruel and unjust to him and his family.
4. It is in violation of the Christian spirit, and the Constitution of the Church.
5. It is sure to create parties and divisions; for some will not engage in advancing the interests of the church by such dishonest means.
6. It is entirely unworthy of Christian men.

JUNE,

6th Month, 30 Days.

1867.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	s. ft. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets h m	O. style
Saturday	1 Nicodemus	John 7	4 10	 1	♀ rises 3 11 ☾	3 4	41 7	19 20	
22] 6th Sunday aft. Easter. Gosp. John 15, 26-16, 4. Ep. 1 Pet. 4, 8-11. Day's length 14 hrs. 40 min.									
Sunday	2 H.L. Heubner	Isa. 57	sets.	 16	2d. ☉ ☿	2 4	40 7	20 21	
Monday	3 Erasmus	Isa. 52	9 4	 1	☿ so. 10 21 ☾	2 4	40 7	20 22	
Tuesday	4 Darius	Dan. 5	9 54	 15	☉ ☿ rises 12 24	2 4	39 7	21 23	
Wednesday	5 Bonifacius	Gen. 1	10 40	 0	Arcturus so. 9 17	2 4	39 7	21 24	
Thursday	6 Artenius	Levit. 33	11 20	 13	Spica south 8 22	2 4	38 7	22 25	
Friday	7 Paul Gerhard	Psalm 37	11 59	 26	☉ ☿ ☿ sets 11 19	2 4	38 7	22 26	
Saturday	8 A. H. Franke	" 34	morn.	 9	♀ rises 8 5	1 4	38 7	22 27	
23] Whitsuntide. Gosp. John 14, 23-31. Ep. Acts 2, 1-13. Day's length 14 hours 46 min.									
Sunday	9 Whitsunday	Acts 2, 14 ff	12 38	 21	9. Lib. s. 10 12	1 4	37 7	23 28	
Monday	10 Whitmonday	John 3, 16-21	1 7	 3	☿ rises 12 4	1 4	37 7	23 29	
Tuesday	11 Barnabas	" 10, 1-11	1 38	 15	☿ gr. Hel. lat. no.	1 4	37 7	23 30	
Wednesday	12 Emberday	Acts 15, 1-21	2 6	 27	Pollux sets 10 4	0 4	36 7	24 31	
Thursday	13 Tobias	" 11	2 39	 8	☉ ☿ ☿ south 9 45	4 36	7 24	J. 2	
Friday	14 Heliseus	" 13	3 12	 20	Wega south 1 3	4 36	7 24	2	
Saturday	15 Vitus	Gen. 7	3 52	 2	Altair south 2 11	4 35	7 25	3	
24] Trinity Sunday. Gosp. John 3, 1-15. Ep. Rom. 11, 33-66. Day's length 14 hours 50 min.									
Sunday	16 Rolandus	Gen. 8	rises.	 13	16 ♀ rises 3 0	0 4	35 7	25 4	
Monday	17 Laura	" 11	8 0	 26	☉ in apo. ☾	1 4	35 7	25 5	
Tuesday	18 Arnolphus	" 12	8 44	 9	☿ rises 11 36	1 4	35 7	25 6	
Wednesday	19 Gervasius	" 14	9 26	 22	Rigel sets 9 45	1 4	35 7	25 7	
Thursday	20 Cor. Christi	" 15	10 5	 4	Regulus sets 10 46	1 4	35 7	25 8	
Friday	21 Raphael	" 17	10 38	 18	☉ enters ♉ L. D.	1 4	34 7	26 9	
Saturday	22 Achatius	" 18	11 13	 3	Sum. commences	2 4	35 7	25 10	
25] 1st Sunday, aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 16, 19-31. Ep. 1 John 4, 16-21. Day's length 14 hrs. 50 min.									
Sunday	23 Agrippina	Gen. 19	11 48	 18	☉ ☿ ☿ ris. 11 18 ☿	2 4	35 7	25 11	
Monday	24 John, Baptist	Luke 1, 57-80	morn.	 3	Ant. so. 10 10	2 4	35 7	25 12	
Tuesday	25 Augsb. Conf.	1 Tim. 6	12 24	 18	☉ 25. Pro s. 7 36	2 4	35 7	25 13	
Wednesday	26 Jeremiah	Jer. 1	12 59	 4	☿ south 9 6	2 4	35 7	25 14	
Thursday	27 7 Sleepers	" 2	1 24	 19	☿ stationary	3 4	35 7	25 15	
Friday	28 Leo	Gen. 20	1 58	 4	Spica sets 12 13	3 4	35 7	25 16	
Saturday	29 Peter & Paul	Matth. 16, 13 ff.	2 46	 19	☿ sets 10 30	3 4	36 7	24 17	
26] 2d Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 14, 16-24. Ep. 1 John 3, 13-18. Day's length 14 hrs. 48 min.									
Sunday	30 Lucina	Gen. 22	3 20	 4	☉ ☿ ☿ ☿ ☿ ☾	3 4	36 7	24 18	

MOON'S PHASES.

New moon, 2nd day, 10 o'clock 14 min. Morning.
 First Quarter, 9th " 1 " 38 " Morning.
 Full moon, 16th " 11 " 54 " Evening.
 Last Quarter, 25th " 12 " 24 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—JUNE.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, 6, pleasant; 7, cloudy; 8, 9, variable; 10, 11, cloudy; 12, 13, 14, pleasant; 15, 16, showers; 17, 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, 22, clear; 23, 24, showers; 25, 26, 27, warm; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, thunder storm.



CHRIST AND THE LITTLE CHILDREN.

Look at that picture. It represents the beautiful scene described in Mark x. 13-16, where Jesus blesses little children.

"And they brought young children to Him, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them.

"But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

"Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall not enter therein.

"And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them."

This shows:

1. That Christ and Christianity have something to do with little children.

2. It shows that little children can come to Christ, even at an age when they cannot come themselves, but must be brought.

3. There must be some way in which they may be brought to Him. They cannot come to Him by repentance, nor by faith, nor by any acts of obedience; for "infants" (Luke xviii. 15), such as are carried by parents in their arms, and as are taken up by Christ into His arms, are too young to know the

meaning of any of these acts of penitence, and faith, and obedience. How, then, can they come? By being brought, and given to Christ in holy baptism, as the Church teaches.

4. There were disciples, not fully informed as to the true character of Christianity, who forbade them to come, and rebuked those who brought them. Such disciples are still to be found.

5. Who can believe that Christ, who came to save the world, would found a kingdom, in which the largest part of this race, during the earliest and most impressible period of human life, cannot be included? Christ, through His Church, still takes little children up in His arms, and blesses them.

LITTLE NUTS WITH LARGE KERNELS.

He that studies his content, wants it.

He that gets out of debt, grows rich.

A cool mouth and warm feet, live long.

Great strokes make not sweet music.

The devil is not always at one door.

He that will take the bird, must not scare it.

God often hath a great share in a little house.

Were there no hearers, there would be no backbiters.

Piety and a trade are the best portion for children.

The mill gets by going.

A mill cannot grind with water that is past.

Good words are worth much and cost little.

Hell is full of good meanings and wishings.

Think of ease, but work on.

One grain fills not a sack, but it helps its fellows.

The more women look in their glass, the less they look to their house.

He is not fit for the next world, who cannot fit himself into this.

TRUTH.

In order that all men may be taught to speak the truth, it is necessary that all likewise should learn to hear it; for no species of falsehood is more frequent than flattery, to which the coward is betrayed by fear, and the dependent by interest. Those who are neither servile nor timorous, are yet desirous to bestow pleasure: and while unjust demands of praise continue to be made, there will always be some whom hope, fear or kindness will dispose to pay them.

JULY,

7th Month, 31 Days.

1867.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	S. sl. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets. h m	O. style
Monday	1 Theobald	Gen. 23	sets.	19	1. ☾ in per. ☾	3 4	36 7	24 19	
Tuesday	2 <i>Visit. V. M.</i>	Luke 1, 26-56	8 40	3	☾ in apogee	4 4	36 7	24 20	
Wednesday	3 Cornelius	Acts 10, 1-38	9 22	18	☾ ☽ ☽ ☽ sets 8 4	4 4	37 7	23 21	
Thursday	4 <i>Independence</i>	Rom. 13	9 56	4	☾ rises 3 2	4 4	37 7	23 22	
Friday	5 Demetrius	Acts 19	10 30	18	☾ ☽ ☽ ☽ sets 10 20	4 4	37 7	23 23	
Saturday	6 <i>John Huss</i>	Psalms 26	11 1	0	☽ gr. dist. east ☽	4 4	38 7	22 24	
27] 3d Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 15, 1-10. Ep. 1 Pet. 5, 6-11. Day's length 14 hrs. 44 min.									
Sunday	7 Edelburga	Gen. 25	11 31	12	☾ rises 10 33	4 4	38 7	22 25	
Monday	8 Aquilla	Acts 20	morn.	24	☾ 8. 7* ris. 12 14	5 4	38 7	22 26	
Tuesday	9 Zeno	Gen. 26	12 1	5	☾ ☽ rises 3 4	5 4	39 7	21 27	
Wednesday	10 Calvin	" 32	12 32	17	Wega south 11 15	5 4	39 7	21 28	
Thursday	11 Pius	" 33	1 4	29	☾ ☽ ☽ ☽ south 8 2	5 4	40 7	20 29	
Friday	12 Henry	" 35	1 40	11	Orion rises 3 55	5 4	40 7	20 30	
Saturday	13 Margaret	" 37	2 22	23	☾ rises 10 12	5 4	41 7	19 J.	
28] 4th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 6, 36-42. Ep. Rom. 8, 18-23. Day's length 14 hrs. 36 min.									
Sunday	14 Bonavent.	Gen. 39	3 7	5	☾ apo. ☽ se. 9 59	5 4	42 7	18 2	
Monday	15 Apostles' day	Matth. 10	4 3	18	☾ Ant. so. 8 41	6 4	42 7	18 3	
Tuesday	16 Hilary	Ruth. 1	rises.	1	☾ 16. ☽ ris. 3 12	6 4	43 7	17 4	
Wednesday	17 Alexius	Gen. 40	8 1	14	Regulus sets 8 57	6 4	43 7	17 5	
Thursday	18 Maternus	" 41	8 44	27	Rigel rises 3 44	6 4	44 7	16 6	
Friday	19 Ruffina	" 42	9 20	11	☽ stat. 7* ris. 12 17	6 4	45 7	15 7	
Saturday	20 Elias	1 Kings 17	9 56	25	☾ ☽ ☽ ☽ ri. 9 42 ☽	6 4	46 7	14 8	
29] 5th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 5, 1-11. Ep. 1 Pet. 3, 8-15. Day's length 14 hours 26 min.									
Sunday	21 Praxedes	Exodus 34	10 30	9	☾ rises 3 19	6 4	47 7	13 9	
Monday	22 Mary Magd.	Luke 7, 36-50	11 8	23	☽ sets 12 10 mor.	6 4	48 7	12 10	
Tuesday	23 Apollinaris	Gen. 44	11 46	7	☾ ☽ enters ☽	6 4	48 7	12 11	
Wednesday	24 Christiana	" 45	morn.	21	☾ 24. Ald. r. 1 18	6 4	49 7	11 12	
Thursday	25 St. James	Matth. 20, 20 ff	12 29	6	Dog Days commence	6 4	50 7	10 13	
Friday	26 St. Anne	1 Sam. 2	1 16	20	☾ rises 9 12	6 4	51 7	9 14	
Saturday	27 Martha	John 11	2 11	4	☽ sets 9 29	6 4	52 7	8 15	
30] 6th Sunday, aft. Trinity. Gosp. Matt. 5, 20-26. Ep. Rom. 6, 3-11. Day's length 14 hrs. 14 min.									
Sunday	28 Pantaleon	Gen. 46	3 6	18	☾ rises 3 32	6 4	53 7	7 16	
Monday	29 Beatrix	" 47	4 0	2	☾ ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽	6 4	53 7	7 17	
Tuesday	30 Abdon	" 48	sets.	16	☾ 30. ☽ se. 11 36	6 5	54 7	6 18	
Wednesday	31 Germanus	" 49	7 40	19	☾ ☽ ☽ 7* ri. 11 26	6 4	55 7	5 19	

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon, 1st day, 4 o'clock 45 min. Evening.
 First Quarter, 8th " 12 " 36 " Afternoon.
 Full Moon, 16th " 2 " 50 " Afternoon.
 Last Quarter, 24th " 9 " 26 " Morning.
 New Moon, 30th " 4 " 37 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—JULY.

1, 2, 3, pleasant; 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, warm; 8, 9, showers; 10, cloudy; 11, 12, 13, 14, clear, pleasant; 15, 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, pleasant; 20, 21, showers; 22, 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, 27, warmest days; 28, thunder storm; 29, 30, 31, clear.



THE MORNING PRAYER.

The morning bright,
With rosy light,
Has waked me from my sleep;
Father, I own
Thy love alone
Thy little one doth keep.

All through the day,
I humbly pray,
Be Thou my guard and guide;
My sins forgive,
And let me live,
Blest Jesus, near Thy side.

Oh! make Thy rest
Within my breast;
Great Spirit of all grace;
Make me like Thee,
Then shall I be
Preserved to see Thy face.

FEED THE HORSE.

One of our old ministers was in the habit of riding perhaps a little faster than was necessary. One hot summer afternoon, while some of the "Fathers of the congregation" were standing in the shade, near the church, waiting for the hour of service, they saw the old pastor briskly riding up, his horse in a great sweat. They quickly concluded that one of

them should remonstrate with him for fast riding. Quickly the one designated made up his mind to do it in a scriptural manner. So when the pastor had alighted, he addressed him:

"Pastor, the Scriptures say: 'A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast.'"

"Well, take him then and give him oats," was the prompt reply.

This reminds us, that in "old times,"—not very old, either,—country congregations used to have little stables or sheds at the church, for the pastor's horse. They also kept oats and hay, wherewith to feed him. This was a good old idea! for the pastor has sometimes a great distance to go after church. In any case it will not hurt a horse to stand in a stable and eat while his master is preaching. We suggest that the old neglected stables at the churches, be looked after, and that a little investment be made in feed, and thus the good old custom restored.

At some churches, there are polite persons about, who take the pastor's horse from his hands, and hitch him; at others, there are not! Well, he can hitch him himself—but then—well, it feels good to a pastor to see the kindness of his members. That is something.

It just occurs to us that some congregations buy a new horse for the pastor, when the old one is worn out, or when he happens not to have one. Not a bad idea! Buggy, too,—another good idea. A bag of oats and a load of hay, occasionally. Two more good ideas! But if he has several hundred members, they must not *all* bring oats and hay, or he will have too much!

MORE THAN FIFTY PER CENT. SAVED.

"Children are naturally fond of news. Provide them with a newspaper, and you save more than half the money paid to teachers."

CHEERFUL OBEDIENCE.


"I wish I could mind God as my little dog minds me," said a little boy, looking thoughtfully on his shaggy friend; "he always looks so pleased to mind, and I don't."

What a painful truth did this child speak! Shall the poor little dog thus readily obey his master, and we rebel against God, who is our Creator, our Preserver, our Father, our Saviour, and the bountiful Giver of every thing we have?








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8th Month, 31 Days.








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Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	S. sl. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets. h m	O. style
Thursday	1 <i>Lammas Day</i>	Gen. 50	8 14	 12	♀ rises 3 10 ☾	6 4	56 7	4 20	
Friday	2 Stephen	Psaln 73	8 45	 25	♂ ♀ sets 8 42	6 4	57 7	3 21	
Saturday	3 Augustus	Exodus 1	9 16	 7	♂ ♀ ☉ infer. ♂ ♀ ☽	6 4	58 7	2 22	








31] 7th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Mark 8, 1-9. Ep. Rom. 6, 19-23. Day's length 14 hrs. 2 min.

Sunday	4 Dominick	Exodus 3	9 46	 19	♂ great. Hel. lat. so.	6 4	59 7	1 23	
Monday	5 Oswald	" 5	10 16	 1	Orion rises 2 23	6 5	0 7	0 24	
Tuesday	6 <i>Tr. of Christ</i>	Mark 9	10 46	 13	☾ Sir. ris. 4 33	6 5	1 6	59 25	
Wednesday	7 Donatus	Exodus 7	11 16	 25	☾ 7th. ♂ ♀ ☽	6 5	2 6	58 26	
Thursday	8 Emilius	" 8	11 46	 7	Regulus sets 7 33	5 5	4 6	56 27	
Friday	9 Ericus	" 9	morn.	 19	Wega south 9 15	5 5	5 6	55 28	
Saturday	10 <i>St. Lawrence</i>	John 12, 24 ff.	12 25	 1	♂ ♀ ♀ ris. 3 52 ☾	5 5	6 6	54 29	








32] 8th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Matth. 7, 15-23. Ep. Rom. 8, 12-17. Day's length 13 hrs. 46 min.

Sunday	11 Titus	Titus 1	1 20	 14	Antares sets 11 19	5 5	7 6	53 30	
Monday	12 Clara	Exodus 10	2 10	 27	♂ stationary	5 5	8 6	52 31	
Tuesday	13 Hildebert	" 11	3 8	 10	Spica sets 9 10	5 5	9 6	51 4.	
Wednesday	14 Eusebius	" 12	4 2	 24	☾ Alt. so. 10 4	4 5	10 6	51 2	
Thursday	15 <i>Assn. V. M.</i>	" 13	rises.	 7	☾ 15. ♀ se. 10 34	4 5	11 6	49 3	
Friday	16 Rochus	" 14	8 0	 21	♂ ♀ ♀ ris. 7 36 ☽	4 5	12 6	48 4	
Saturday	17 Bertram	" 15	8 43	 5	♂ sets 8 30	4 5	14 6	46 5	

33] 9th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 16, 1-9. Ep. 1 Cor. 10, 6-13. Day's length 13 hours 30 min.

Sunday	18 John Gerhard	Exodus 16	9 14	 20	♀ rises 4 16	4 5	15 6	45 6	
Monday	19 Sebaldus	" 17	9 52	 4	7* rises 10 16	3 5	16 6	44 7	
Tuesday	20 Bernard	" 18	10 34	 18	Sirius rises 3 40	3 5	17 6	43 8	
Wednesday	21 Rebecca	Gen. 24	11 20	 2	☾ ♀ south 12 23	3 5	18 6	42 9	
Thursday	22 Philibert	Exodus 19	morn.	 16	☾ 22. ♀ gr. d. we.	3 5	20 6	40 10	
Friday	23 Zacheus	Luke 19, 1-10	12 12	 0	☉ enters ☾ ☉ ☽	3 5	21 6	39 11	
Saturday	24 <i>St. Barthol.</i>	" 22, 24-10	1 7	 14	♀ in perihelion	2 5	22 6	38 12	

34] 10th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 19, 41-48. Ep. 1 Cor. 12, 1-11. Day's length 13 hrs. 14 min.

Sunday	25 Ludovicus	Exodus 20	2 2	 28	♂ ♀ ☽ sets 10 0	2 5	23 6	37 13	
Monday	26 Samuel	1 Sam. 1	3 1	 11	☽ in per. ☽ ♀ ☉	2 5	24 6	36 14	
Tuesday	27 Gebhard	Exodus 24	4 0	 24	Orion rises 12 56	1 5	25 6	35 15	
Wednesday	28 <i>St. Augustin</i>	" 32	4 46	 8	☾ ♂ ♀ ☽ ☽	1 5	27 6	33 16	
Thursday	29 <i>St. John beh.</i>	Matth. 14	sets.	 21	☾ 29. We. so. 8 2	4 5	28 6	32 17	
Friday	30 Benjamin	Gen. 43	7 30	 3	Spica sets 8 8	1 5	29 6	31 18	
Saturday	31 Paulinus	Exodus 33	8 1	 45	♂ ♀ ☽ ☽ sets 8 10	0 5	30 6	30 19	

Jupiter (♃) is on the 26th in Opposition to the Sun, near the Earth, and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 7th day, 2 o'clock 2 min. Morning.
 Full Moon, 15th " 5 " 33 " Morning.
 Last Quarter, 22nd " 4 " 19 " Evening.
 New Moon 29th " 8 " 3 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—Aug.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, 5, warm; 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, 10, clear; 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, pleasant; 15, variable; 16, 17, rain; 18, thunder storm; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, warm; 24, showers; 25, 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, 30, warm; 31, showers.



THE YOUNG BIRD.

That little boy was taking a walk with his mother, his aunt, and his little sister. They came across a little bird, and he is trying to catch it. If he should get it, he will certainly let it go again; for it would be cruel to take away that young bird from its mother. It needs such food as its mother alone can provide. A boy that has no tender heart toward an innocent young bird, is likely to be cruel in other ways. I hope he won't catch it. Clear out, little bird, as fast as you can, and get into the bushes. Then, if he still follows you, I hope he will skin his nose among the thorns.

A BILL—PLEASE COLLECT.

We were invited to officiate at a funeral in a vacant charge. Went, of course. It was our duty. Distance, sixteen miles. Time, winter. Roads, muddy. Weather, rain and snow. Time required, greater part of two days. Our bill, made as low as possible, so as barely to cover expenses, is as follows:

DR.	
Hire of buggy two days,.....	\$2.50
Use of horse " " ".....	2.50
Toll at turnpike gates,.....	24
Wear and tear of our best black suit,.....	25
Postage on the letter in which the obituary was sent to the paper,.....	3
Envelope, do., do.,.....	1
Paper to write the obituary on,.....	1
For two days' time, and preaching the sermon, as the gospel is free,.....	0.00
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	\$5.54

	CR.
By dinner eaten after the funeral,.....	\$.50
For all our time and service,.....	0.00
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Out of pocket, in cash,..... \$5.04

If any pastors hold similar bills, for similar services, and will inform us how they intend to go about collecting them, we will give them one hundred per cent. of the above \$5.04, whenever we get it in. The money is no doubt safe, as the family own a fine farm, and are in very "easy" circumstances.

TREASURERS OF THE DIFFERENT BOARDS AND SYNODS.

EASTERN SYNOD.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—Adam B. Wingerd, Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Rudolph F. Kelker, Harrisburg, Pa.

BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.—Charles Santee, No. 239 North Third St., Phila., Pa.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.—John Weist, Box 2754 P. O., Philadelphia.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—Rev. Samuel R. Fisher, No. 54 North Sixth St., Phila., Pa.

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SYNOD OF OHIO AND ADJACENT STATES.—Rev. I. H. Reiter, Miamisburg, Ohio.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE.—N. L. Brewer, Tiffin, Ohio.

We should never be too anxious about the effect of our work. Speak in the fear of God and according to His oracles, and then leave the result with Him.

SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.

1867.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	s. ft. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets h m	O style
35] 11th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 18, 9-14. Ep. 1 Cor. 15, 1-10. Day's length 12 hrs. 56 min.									
Sunday	1 Egidius	Num. 14	8 34		27 ♄ sets 8 8	0 5 32	6 28 20		
Monday	2 Eliza	" 15	9 7		9 ♃ south 11 42	0 5 33	6 27 21		
Tuesday	3 Mansuetus	" 16	9 41		21 ♄ ♃ ♄ sets 9 36	1 5 34	6 26 22		
Wednesday	4 Moses	Exodus 2	10 18		3 ♄ Dog Days end.	1 5 35	6 25 23		
Thursday	5 Nathaniel	John 1, 29 ff.	11 1		15 ♄ 5. 7* ris. 9 18	1 5 37	6 23 24		
Friday	6 Magnus	1 Cor. 2	11 46		27 Sirius ris. 2 36	2 5 38	6 22 25		
Saturday	7 Regina	" 13	morn.		9 ♃ in. apo. ♄ gr Hel. l. n.	2 5 39	6 21 26		
36] 12th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Mark 7, 31-37. Ep. 2 Cor. 3, 4-11. Day's length 12 hrs. 40 min.									
Sunday	8 Nat. V. M.	Matth. 1, 1-16	12 40		21 Orion rises 12 16	2 5 40	6 20 27		
Monday	9 Bruno	Num. 24	1 37		4 Altair south 8 32	3 5 41	6 19 28		
Tuesday	10 Pulcheria	Deut. 4	2 38		17 ♄ ♄ ♄ Rig. ris. 11 2	3 5 43	6 17 29		
Wednesday	11 Protus	" 5	3 41		1 Antares sets 9 23	3 5 44	6 16 30		
Thursday	12 J. Wickliffe	" 6	4 46		15 ♄ ♃ ♃ ♃ s. 10 56	4 5 45	6 15 31		
Friday	13 Amatus	" 7	ris.		1 ♄ 13. ♃ Ec. vis.	4 5 47	6 13 32		
Saturday	14 Elev. Holy ✕	John 12, 31 ff.	7 2		15 Wega south 11 2	4 5 48	6 12 2		
37] 13th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 10, 23-37. Ep. Gal. 3, 15-22. Day's length 12 hrs. 22 min.									
Sunday	15 Nicomedes	Deut. 7	7 40		0 ♄ gr. Hel. l. n.	5 5 49	6 11 3		
Monday	16 Euphemia	" 8	8 28		14 ♄ sets 7 36	5 5 51	6 9 4		
Tuesday	17 Lampertus	" 9	9 20		29 7* rises 8 18	5 5 52	6 8 5		
Wednesday	18 Emberday	" 10	10 12		13 Sirius rises 1 56	6 5 53	6 7 6		
Thursday	19 Mielea	" 27	11 3		27 ♄ Ald. ri. 9 46	6 5 55	6 5 7		
Friday	20 Fausta	" 28	morn.		11 ♄ 20. ♃ so. 10 20	6 5 56	6 4 8		
Saturday	21 St. Matthew	Matth. 9, 9-13	12 2		24 ♄ sets 8 36	7 5 57	6 3 9		
38] 14th Sunday, aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 17, 11-19. Ep. Gal. 5, 16-24. Day's length 12 hrs. 4 min.									
Sunday	22 Maurice	Deut. 29	1 3		8 ♄ ♃ ♃ Or. ris. 11 24	7 6 58	6 2 10		
Monday	23 H. Mueller d.	" 30	2 4		21 ♄ ent. ♄ day & night eq.	7 6 06	6 0 11		
Tuesday	24 St. John con.	" 31	3 6		4 Ant. s 8 30 Aut. com.	8 6 15	5 9 12		
Wednesday	25 Cleophas	" 32	4 8		16 ♄ ♄ ♄ superior	8 6 35	5 7 13		
Thursday	26 Justina	" 33	5 12		29 ♄ Alt. so. 7 31	9 6 45	5 6 14		
Friday	27 Cosmus	" 34	sets.		11 ♄ 27th. ♄ ♄ ♄	9 6 55	5 5 15		
Saturday	28 Wenceslaus	Josh. 1	6 30		23 ♄ ♃ ♃ ♃ south 9 48	9 6 75	5 3 16		
39] 15th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Matth 6, 24-34. Ep. Gal. 5, 25-6, 10. Day's length 11 hrs. 44 min.									
Sunday	29 St. Michael	Matth. 18, 1-11	6 59		5 ♄ ♃ ♄ sets 7 8	10 6 85	5 2 17		
Monday	30 Jerome	Josh. 2	7 34		17 Sirius rises 1 10	10 6 95	5 1 18		

Venus (♀) is in superior conjunction with the Sun, and passes from Morning to Evening Star.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 5th day, 6 o'clock 33 min. Evening.
 Full Moon, 13th " 7 " 37 " Evening.
 Last Quarter, 20th " 10 " 15 " Evening.
 New Moon, 27th " 6 " 50 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—SEP.

1, 2, 3, variable; 4, 5, 6, 7, pleasant; 8, 9, cloudy;
 10, 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, showers; 16, 17,
 variable; 18, 19, 20, pleasant; 21, 22, cloudy;
 23, 24, 25, clear; 26, warm; 27, 28, stormy; 29, 30,
 variable.



FETICHISM.

This is the name given to the lowest form of heathen worship. It prevails in Africa, and consists chiefly in the worship of serpents, as you see in the picture. These serpents are kept by priestesses, and the poor heathen come to worship them. How deep must be the ignorance and delusion of these poor creatures, who worship, as god, the serpent, which was the instrument of Satan in the fall of man, and on which the curse of God fell on that account: Do not the poor heathen need the gospel to make them acquainted with the true God and Saviour? We must send missionaries to them as soon as possible. What can you do toward it?

A GOOD ANSWER.

It is an old saying, "It's a poor rule that won't work both ways." The following is a good illustration of it:

Many years ago, a minister was called to the pastoral care of a church. He had just preached his first sermon, and the body had gone into conference, with the young pastor presiding. It was suggested by an aged brother, that it might be well for the church to fix upon some amount as the salary of the pastor, so that he might know what to depend upon; but instantly objection was made all over the house. "It is time enough," said they, "to think about that. We might fix upon a sum, and not be able to raise it. Let that remain undetermined, and the church be uncommitted."

With this disposal of the salary question, they passed to the next item of business, which was to decide on what days the regular services of the church should be held. All eyes were now turned to the new pastor, expecting he would state definitely the days he would be with them. In answer to their inquiries on this point, he remarked, in a careless manner: "Brethren, I want my preaching days to stand on the same footing on which you have put the salary. I can't commit myself to come on any particular day; for it might not be convenient always to do so. Sometimes I will come the first Sunday in the month, then again I may happen here on the second or fourth, and then again *I may not find it convenient to come at all*. Just leave this matter as you have done the salary—unsettled."

In a few moments a specified amount had been fixed upon as the pastor's salary, and the pastor himself had announced definitely the days upon which he would officiate.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

EASTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Located at Mercersburg, Pa. The Professors are:
Rev. H. Harbaugh, D. D., Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology.

Rev. E. E. Higbee, A. M., Professor of Church History and Biblical Literature.
J. B. Kerschner, A. M., Tutor.

The full course in the Seminary is three years. The Seminary Year includes one Session, from the first Wednesday in September to the Wednesday after the second Sunday in May, with one vacation intervening. There is a recess of two weeks at Christmas.

The number of students in the year 1865-66 was 23.

WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Located at Tiffin, Ohio. The Professors are:

Rev. Moses Kieffer, D. D., Professor of Systematic and Practical Theology.
Rev. Herman Rust, A. M., German Theological Professor.





MISSION HOUSE, Located at Howard Grove, near Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The Teachers are:

Rev. Dr. J. Bossard, Rev. H. Mühlmeier, Rev. J. T. Kluge. Its object is to prepare laborers for the missionary field.








OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.








1867.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	s. ft. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets. h m	O. style
Tuesday	1 Remigius	Josh. 3	8 12	 29	♄ ♃ ♅ sets 8 1	10 6	11 5	49 19	
Wednesday	2 C. Columbus	" 4	8 51	 11	Rigel rises 10 1	10 6	12 5	48 20	
Thursday	3 Jairus	Mark 5	9 35	 23	♃ south 9 36	11 6	13 5	47 21	
Friday	4 Franciscus	Josh. 6	10 23	 5	Ant. ris. 8 0	11 6	15 5	45 22	
Saturday	5 Placidus	" 20	11 20	 17	5th. ♃ in ap.	11 6	16 5	44 23	








40] 16th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 7, 11-17. Ep. Eph. 3, 13-21. Day's length 11 hrs. 26 min.

Sunday	6 Fides	Josh. 23	morn.	 29	♄ ♃ ♅ sets 6 54	12 6	17 5	43 24	
Monday	7 Amelia	" 24	12 16	 12	7* rises 7 21	12 6	18 5	42 25	
Tuesday	8 Pelagius	Judges 2	1 26	 25	Aldebaran ris 8 38	12 6	20 5	40 26	
Wednesday	9 Dionysius	" 4	2 40	 9	♄ ♃ ♅ south 9 6	13 6	21 5	39 27	
Thursday	10 Gereon	" 5	3 41	 23	Orion rises 10 18	13 6	22 5	38 28	
Friday	11 Burkhard	" 6	4 42	 8	♃ Sirius ri. 12 28	13 6	24 5	36 29	
Saturday	12 Veritas	" 7	5 19	 23	Arcturus sets 8 9	13 6	25 5	35 30	






41] 17th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Luke 14, 1-11. Ep. Eph. 4, 1-16. Day's length 11 hrs. 8 min.

Sunday	13 Coloman	Judges 8	rises.	 8	♄ ♃ ♅ sets 6 44	14 6	26 5	34 0	
Monday	14 Fortunata	1 Cor. 16	6 59	 23	♄ Fomal s. 9 34	14 6	27 5	33 2	
Tuesday	15 Hedwig	Judges 13	7 49	 8	Altair south 6 24	14 6	29 5	31 3	
Wednesday	16 Gallus	" 14	8 44	 23	Antares sets 7 19	14 6	30 5	30 4	
Thursday	17 Florentina	" 16	9 39	 7	♃ in per. ♃ s. 8 32	14 6	31 5	29 5	
Friday	18 St. Luke ev.	2 Tim. 4	10 29	 21	Regulus ris. 1 46	15 6	32 5	28 6	
Saturday	19 Ptolomy	Dan. 3	11 19	 5	♄ ♃ ♅ stationary	15 6	33 5	27 7	

42] 18th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Matth. 22, 34-46. Ep. 1 Cor. 1, 4-9. Day's length 10 hrs. 50 min.

Sunday	20 Felicianus	Judges 16	morn.	 18	♄ 20. Sir. r. 11 56	15 6	35 5	25 8	
Monday	21 Ursula	Ruth 2	12 20	 1	Orion ris. 9 10	15 6	37 5	23 9	
Tuesday	22 Cordula	" 3	1 13	 14	Aldebaran ris. 7 45	15 6	38 5	21 10	
Wednesday	23 Severinus	" 4	2 12	 26	7* south 1 50	15 6	39 5	22 11	
Thursday	24 Salome	1 Sam. 4	3 11	 8	♃ stat. ♃ ent. ♄	16 6	40 5	20 12	
Friday	25 Crispin	" 5	4 10	 20	♅ sets 6 40	16 6	41 5	19 13	
Saturday	26 Amandus	" 6	5 1	 2	♃ south 8 4	16 6	42 5	18 14	

43] 19th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Matth 9, 1-8. Ep. Eph. 4, 22-28. Day's length 10 hrs. 32 min.

Sunday	27 Sabina	1 Sam. 7	sets.	 14	♄ 27th. ♄ ♃ ♅	16 6	44 5	16 15	
Monday	28 Simon Jud.	John 15, 17 ff.	6 30	 26	♄ ♃ ♅ ♄ ♃ ♅ 6 28	16 6	45 5	15 16	
Tuesday	29 Zwinglius	1 Sam. 8	7 32	 8	♄ ♃ ♅ ♄ sets 6 50	16 6	46 5	14 17	
Wednesday	30 Serapion	" 9	8 30	 20	Mark ab. so. 8 41	16 6	47 5	13 18	
Thursday	31 Reformation	John 2, 13-17	9 18	 2	♄ gr. dist. east. ♄	16 6	48 5	12 19	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 5th day, 1 o'clock 39 min. Afternoon.
 Full Moon, 13th " 8 " 38 " Morning.
 Last Quarter, 20th " 4 " 31 " Morning.
 New Moon, 27th " 8 " 19 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—Oct.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, 5, 6, pleasant; 7, 8, cloudy;
 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, stormy; 13, rain; 14, 15, 16, pleasant;
 17, 18, cloudy; 19, 20, 21, clear; 22, 23, 24, pleasant, agreeable;
 25, 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, rain; clear, 30, 31.



A FLOCK OF PARROTS.

As children are always greatly amused by parrots, or "Pretty Pollies," as they call them, the Almanac-man thought he would show them a whole flock of them, as they are seen in their wild state. You may catch one of them, if you please, put it in a cage, and teach it to talk!

Parrots are natives of warm climates, and are found in Southern America, Africa, Asia, and Australia. They eat soft, pulpy fruits, especially such as have had hard kernels. They usually go in large flocks, and are very active and noisy in the morning and evening. They are full of mischief, and fond of quarrelling, like some other children! They are great mimics and tattlers, for they catch up words and then tell them again. Some are taught to repeat a great many short sentences, and a great many children have heard them say, "Polly wants a cracker!" We have an account of one who could repeat the Apostles' Creed, and a cardinal paid one hundred golden crowns for him. Another served as chaplain on a vessel, reciting the prayers to the sailors! Some of them live to be from seventy to ninety years old.

BOOKS COST NOTHING.

"Buy good books for your children, if they read them—good children will read good books—you save more than what books cost, *in shoe-leather.*"

WE should round every day of stirring action with an evening of thought. We learn nothing from our experience unless we muse upon it.

FROM ONE OF OUR OLD AMERICAN REFORMED DIVINES.

In the "Fathers of the Reformed Church in America," Vol. II. p. 391, you find a brief notice of Rev. John Daniel Gross, D. D. Besides what is there said of him, it may be mentioned, that he wrote a work on Moral Philosophy: "The Natural Principles of Rectitude for the conduct of Man in all Stations and Situations of Life." Copies of it are still extant. The following are brief extracts from the work:

"Those who have the care of education, of families, &c., ought to consider that love begets love, that tenderness creates attachment. Government is good and pleasant, when we bear rule in the hearts of men.

"Never give place to anger; at least never show it in chastisement; for it has a monstrous form, and is alone sufficient to defeat the end for which this part of discipline is made our necessary duty. The power of first impressions and the force of examples have great influence upon the tender mind; they effect great changes and fixed habits in the inclinations of youth, both for the better and for the worse.

"What is more inconsistent with, more repugnant to our sacred, invariable obligation, than ingratitude, inhumanity, luxury, with its natural offspring, pride, oppression, injustice, impiety.

"Remember that one *inconsiderate* act can ruin your happiness, the peace of your mind, and your character.

"Divine worship, whether public or private, ought to be conducted with sincere and humble devotion, equally remote from cold and indifferent formality, and from eccentric and unnatural enthusiasm.

"To seek our interest in things which gratify the sense, please the fancy, and flatter our passions, which inflame pride, invite ambition, avarice and lusts, is, and has at all times been the fatal source of folly, extravagance and misery, among the children of men.

"Life, above all things, is precious; but nothing is more valuable in life than health and a good conscience.


"In the Bible, infinite justice and mercy are shown in their intimate connection, in perfect harmony, as they meet in a Redeemer's righteousness.

"Show me a man who is cruel and inhuman to brutes, who wantonly destroys or abuses other things; thousand to one but you point out a person who cares little for God and his own conscience."

NOVEMBER,

11th Month, 30 Days.

1867.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	s. ft. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets. h m	O style
Friday	1 <i>All Saints</i>	Matth. 5, 1-12	9 59		☾ sets 5 37	16 6 50	5 10 20		
Saturday	2 <i>All Souls</i>	1 Sam. 20	10 51		☾ apo. We. s. 12 24	16 6 50	5 9 21		
44] 20th Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Matth. 22, 1-14. Ep. Eph. 5, 15-21. Day's length 10 hrs. 16 min.									
Sunday	3 Theophilus	Luke 1, 1-4	11 48		8 Orion rises 8 40	16 6 52	5 8 22		
Monday	4 Charlotte	1 Sam. 21	morn.		21 ☾ 4. Sir. ris. 11 4	16 6 53	5 7 23		
Tuesday	5 Malachi	" 31	12 46		☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ so. 7 20	16 6 54	5 6 24		
Wednesday	6 Leonard	2 Sam. 12	1 42		17 Arcturus sets 6 36	16 6 56	5 4 25		
Thursday	7 Engelbert	" 15	2 41		1 ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ Ri. ri. 8 47	16 6 57	5 3 26		
Friday	8 Cecilia	" 18	3 40		16 Andromeda so. 9 6	16 6 58	5 2 27		
Saturday	9 Theodore	" 19	4 42		1 ☽ sets 5 36	16 6 59	5 1 28		
45] 21st Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. John 4, 47-54. Ep. Eph. 6, 10-17. Day's length 10 hrs. 0 min.									
Sunday	10 Mar. Luther	Heb. 13	5 46		16 Fomal south 7 46	16 7 05	5 0 29		
Monday	11 Melancton	Joel 3	rises.		1 ☽ 11. ☽ station	16 7 14	59 30		
Tuesday	12 Jonas	Jonah 1	6 48		17 ☽ sets 12 9	16 7 24	58 31		
Wednesday	13 Winebert	" 2	7 35		2 Wega sets 11 49	16 7 34	57 N.		
Thursday	14 Levin	" 3	8 40		16 ☽ in per. ☽ ☽ ☽	15 7 44	56 2		
Friday	15 Leopold	" 4	9 45		1 ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽	15 7 54	55 3		
Saturday	16 Ottomar	1 Kings 1	10 50		14 Spica rises 4 26	15 7 64	54 4		
46] 22d Sunday aft. Trinity. Gosp. Matth. 18, 23-35. Ep. Phil. 1, 3-11. Day's length 9 hrs. 46 min.									
Sunday	17 Alpheus	Mark 3	11 51		27 ☽ sets 11 48	15 7 74	53 5		
Monday	18 Gelasius	1 Kings 2	morn.		10 ☽ 18.7 * so. 12 8	15 7 84	52 6		
Tuesday	19 Elizabeth	Luke 1	12 50		28 ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ s. 5 35	14 7 94	51 7		
Wednesday	20 Amos	Amos 5	1 50		5 Altair sets 10 30	14 7 104	50 8		
Thursday	21 Off. V. Mary	Levit. 5	2 40		17 ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ infer.	14 7 114	49 9		
Friday	22 Alphonsus	Amos 9	3 34		29 Orion rises 7 32	14 7 124	48 10		
Saturday	23 Clement	Phil. 4, 1-3	4 24		11 Sir. r. 9 42 ☽ ent.	13 7 124	48 11		
47] 23d Sunday, aft. Trinity. Gosp. Matth. 23, 15-22. Ep. Phil. 3, 17-21. Day's length 9 hrs. 34 min.									
Sunday	24 Chrisogenes	1 Kings 8	5 14		23 Aldebaran ris. 5 22	13 7 133	47 12		
Monday	25 Catharine	1 Kings 9	6 2		5 ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ sets 11 24	13 7 144	46 13		
Tuesday	26 Conrad	" 10	sets.		17 26th. ☽ ☽ ☽	13 7 154	45 14		
Wednesday	27 Josaphat	2 Chron. 17	6 16		29 ☽ ☽ ☽ s. 5 40	12 7 164	44 15		
Thursday	28 Guntherus	1 Kings 19	7 6		11 Altair sets 9 55	12 7 174	43 16		
Friday	29 Saturn	2 " 2	7 56		23 Ardrom. so. 7 41	12 7 174	43 17		
Saturday	30 St. Andrew.	Mark 1	9 0		5 Markab so. 6 32	11 7 184	42 18		

Saturn ($\frac{1}{2}$) is on the 19th in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 4th day, 9 o'clock 43 min. Morning.
 Full Moon, 11th " 8 " 25 " Evening.
 Last Quarter, 18th " 12 " 20 " Afternoon.
 New Moon, 26th " 12 " 23 " Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—Nov.

1, 2, 3, 4, pleasant; 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, rain; 9, variable; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, rain and snow; 15, 16, variable; 17 cloudy; 18, 19, 20, pleasant; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, clear; 26 variable; 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, pleasant.



THE ORPHANS.

Those ladies have found two orphans, and are speaking kindly to them. They will no doubt take them to some "Orphans' Home," that they may be cared for and instructed. - It is hard to have neither father nor mother. The Church ought to seek out orphans, and be as a father and a mother to them.

Do you know that the Reformed Church has an "Orphans' Home" at Bridesburg, near Philadelphia, Pa.? Rev. D. Y. Heisler and his wife have charge of it. There is a large number of orphan children there; the children of a great many Sunday Schools and families are sending contributions in, so that these little orphan children may be provided for.

Rev. D. G. Klein is also starting one in Centre Co., Pa., and the good people of Frederick, in Maryland, are also getting one up. God bless these noble efforts, and give them all great success.

Every family in the Church ought to make at least one contribution annually to the Orphans' Home. The pastor will send it in.

PAYING CHURCH DEBTS.

The best way to manage church debts is to pay them. The best way to pay them is to revive a little the old feeling of honesty, which holds the old-fashioned notion that honest debts ought to be paid, and no less when they are due to God and the Church, than when owing to a fellow-man. Then call a meeting of the congregation, and appoint a judicious committee, and assess the whole of it among the members, *according to the ability of each one*, and then ratify the report of the committee by a vote of the congregation. You will be astonished how lightly it will fall upon each one, when each one thus takes his due proportion. We have seen old and inveterate debts paid off in this way with the greatest ease, after the members had made up their minds that it was impossible, and thought the church must be sold by the Sheriff. Try it. If any member refuses to take his just share, dismiss him to the "First Deformed Church of the Misers" among the Hot-tentots! "and when received by them, his peculiar relation to this congregation shall cease."

DINNER IN TIME.

When the Pastor, after his morning service, has to go some six or eight miles to his afternoon service, do not keep him too late waiting for his dinner. It is very kind in you to give him his dinner, but very impolite to make him eat it in a great hurry, at the very last moment, and then get too late to his appointment. Please send this little notice into the kitchen!

NEW BOOKS FOR THE CHURCH.

The Synod at Carlisle, in October, 1863, appointed a PUBLISHING COMMITTEE of five persons, "whose duty it shall be, either to prepare themselves, or get others to prepare such works as may be suitable for Sabbath Schools and other purposes in the Church. No work to be issued under the sanction of the Church, except it be approved by every member of the committee."

Under these regulations, the following small works have been issued:

Good Friday, per doz., \$2.25; per copy, 25 c.
An Easter Walk, per doz., \$1.80; per copy, 20 c.
Christ and the Lawyer, per doz., \$1.80; per copy, 20 c.

Others will be issued as soon as possible. Encourage the undertaking by sending for the books, and aiding in their circulation.

DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1867.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R. & S. h m	Moon's Place.	Miscellaneous Particulars.	s. ft.	SUN rises h m	SUN sets h m	O. style
48] 1st Sunday in Advent. Gosp. Matth. 21, 1-9. Ep. Rom. 13, 11-14. Day's length 9 hrs. 22 min.									
Sunday	1 Longinus	2 Kings 5	9 59	17	☾ sets 5 44	11 7	19 4	41 19	
Monday	2 Candidus	" 6	10 59	0	Sirius rises at 9 6	11 7	19 4	41 20	
Tuesday	3 Cassianus	" 20	11 58	13	☾ 2 2 2 s. 11 6	10 7	20 4	40 21	
Wednesday	4 Barbara	1 Chron. 16	morn.	27	☾ 4. ☽ gr. Hel. l. no.	10 7	20 4	40 22	
Thursday	5 Abigail	1 Sam. 25	1 48	10	Orion rises 6 32	9 7	21 4	39 23	
Friday	6 St. Nicholas	Acts 6, 1-7	2 36	24	Regulus ris. 10 36	9 7	21 4	39 24	
Saturday	7 Agathon	Job 38	3 29	9	Wega sets 10 22	8 7	22 4	38 25	
49] 2d Sunday in Advent. Gosp. Luke 21, 25-36. Ep. Rom. 15, 4-13. Day's length 9 hrs. 16 min.									
Sunday	8 Conc. V. M.	Isa. 7	4 25	24	☾ sets 5 51	8 7	22 4	38 26	
Monday	9 Joachim	" 32	5 20	9	☽ great. dist. west.	8 7	23 4	37 27	
Tuesday	10 Judith	" 37	6 10	25	☽ ris. 6 20	7 7	23 4	37 28	
Wednesday	11 Barsabas	Acts 15, 22 ff.	rises.	10	☾ 11. ☽ se. 10 39	7 7	23 4	37 29	
Thursday	12 Attilia	Isa. 38	6 30	25	☽ per. ☽ ☽ h ☽ ☽ ☽	6 7	24 4	36 30	
Friday	13 Lucian	" 39	7 36	8	☽* south 10 22	6 7	24 4	36 D.	
Saturday	14 Nicasius	" 40	8 46	23	☽ in Aphelion	5 7	24 4	36 2	
50] 3d Sunday in Advent. Gosp. Matth. 11, 2-10. Ep. 1 Cor. 4, 1-5. Day's length 9 hrs. 10 min.									
Sunday	15 Ignatius	Isa. 41	9 51	5	☾ sets 5 58	5 7	25 4	35 3	
Monday	16 Ananias	" 42	10 59	19	☽ Altair sets 8 32	4 7	25 4	35 4	
Tuesday	17 Lazarus	John 11	morn.	2	☾ 17. Art. s. 1 20	4 7	25 4	35 5	
Wednesday	18 Emberday	Jer. 23	12 0	14	☾ Fomal se. 9 5	3 7	25 4	35 6	
Thursday	19 Abraham	Gen. 12	12 58	26	Aldeb. so. 10 53	3 7	25 4	35 7	
Friday	20 Cath de Bora†	Prov. 31	1 56	8	Arietis south 8 8	2 7	25 4	35 8	
Saturday	21 St. Thomas	John 20, 24 ff.	2 54	20	☽ sets 10 4	2 7	25 4	35 9	
51] 4th Sunday in Advent. Gosp. John 1, 19-28. Ep. Phil. 4, 4-7. Day's length 9 hrs. 8 min.									
Sunday	22 Beata	Hosea 6	3 55	1	☾ ent ☽ Sh. day	1 7	25 4	34 10	
Monday	23 Dagobert	" 13	4 56	13	Wint. commence	1 7	25 4	35 11	
Tuesday	24 Adam, Eve	Gen. 2	5 59	25	☽ ris. 6 30	7 25	4	35 12	
Wednesday	25 Christmas	Isa. 9, 2-7	sets.	7	☾ 25th. ☽ ☽ ☽	7 25	4	35 13	
Thursday	26 Stephen	Luke 2, 1-20	5 36	20	☽ rises 4 20 morn.	7 25	4	35 14	
Friday	27 John, Evan.	John 21, 20 ff.	6 37	2	☽ in apo. ☽ ☽ ☽	0 7	25 4	35 15	
Saturday	28 H. Innocents	Jer. 31	7 39	14	Arietis south 7 32	1 7	25 4	35 16	
52] Sunday after Christmas. Gosp. Luke 2, 32-40. Ep. Gal. 4, 1-7. Day's length 9 hours 10 min.									
Sunday	29 Noah	Gen. 6	8 34	27	Orion south 11 16	2 7	25 4	35 17	
Monday	30 David	1 Sam. 16	9 35	10	☽ ☽ ☽ ☽ sets 9 37	3 7	24 4	36 18	
Tuesday	31 Sylvester	Luke 12, 35-40	10 39	23	Sirius rises 7 16	3 7	24 4	36 19	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 4th day, 5 o'clock 29 min. Morning.
 Full Moon, 11th " 7 " 15 " Morning.
 Last Quarter, 17th " 10 " 37 " Evening.
 New Moon, 25th " 6 " 40 " Evening.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.—Dec.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, rain or snow; 7, 8, pleasant;
 9, 10, cloudy, with rain; 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, 15,
 16, clear, cold; 17, 18, agreeable; 19, 20, 21, clear,
 cold; 22, 23, variable, with snow; 24, 25, pleasant; 26,
 27, clear; 28 cloudy, with rain; 29, 30, 31, variable.



A HAPPY FAMILY.

That is a nice little family. Don't you think so? The mother is reading to them. I have no doubt it is a Christmas story. See how attentively they are listening! How would you like to hear it?

That little chap on the stool seems to be reading, too; but I am afraid he is too small to make much out of it. But if he perseveres, he will be able to read before next Christmas.

Children who have such a mother, who reads to them, and instructs them, ought to be very obedient and kind. I have no doubt these are all good children. They seem attentive and respectful. I hope they, and all good children, will get their stockings filled with nice presents at Christmas.

APPEARANCE.—A contemplative life has more the appearance of a life of piety than any other; but it is the divine plan to bring faith into activity and exercise.

THE PAPERS OF THE CHURCH.

Every member, or at least every family in the Church, that is able to do it, ought to take one or more of the papers of the Church. Here they are:

ENGLISH.

The German Reformed Messenger, published weekly, at \$3. Edited by Rev. S. R. FISHER, D.D., No. 54 North Sixth St., Philada.

The Western Missionary. Weekly, Dayton, O., at \$2. Rev. GEO. W. WILLIARD, D.D., Editor.

The Child's Treasury. An illustrated monthly Sunday School paper, published by S. R. FISHER & Co., Philada. Terms: Ten copies for \$2; Twenty-five copies for \$4.50; Fifty copies for \$8; One hundred copies for \$15.

The Guardian. A Monthly Magazine of 32 pages, devoted to the social, literary and religious interests of young men and ladies. Published by S. R. FISHER & Co., Philada. Rev. H. HARBAUGH, D.D., Editor. \$1.50 per year.

GERMAN.

The Reformirte Kirchenzeitung. Weekly, at \$1.50. Edited by Rev. N. GEHR, and published by S. R. FISHER & Co., Philada. This is the oldest German religious paper in the country. *The Evangelist*, Cleveland, Ohio. Weekly, at \$1.50. Rev. H. J. RUETENIK, Editor.

Lämmerhirte, a child's paper. Published by S. R. FISHER & Co., Philada. Terms: Five copies \$1.25; Ten copies for \$2; Twenty-five copies for \$5; Fifty copies for \$10; One hundred copies for \$18.

Sontagschulblatt, monthly, by the Ger. Ref. Buchverein, Cleveland, Ohio. Terms: The same as those of the "Lämmerhirte."

THINK what danger you escape when you escape great prosperity. Gold is often a hardener of the heart. Promotion often dazzles the brain. Wealth has made millions poor for eternity.

"Ah, David," said Dr. Johnson to Garrick, when he showed him his superb drawing rooms, "Ah! David, these are the things that make death beds terrible."

THE purified righteous man has become a coin of the Lord, and has the impression of his king upon him.

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SOME THINGS EXPLAINED IN THE LIGHT OF HISTORY.

From the Past we may learn wisdom. Experience is a good teacher. We may learn much even from the follies and mistakes of the past. When we see, from our former errors and short-sightedness, that trouble and evil have been the result, it may prevent us from repeating the same errors in the present.

Let us review, a little, the history of the Reformed Church in this country, to see whether some of the disadvantages, under which we at present labor, have not their roots in the past. Knowing where they come from, will enable us the better to understand them, and the sooner to cure them.

I.—THE GERMAN AND ENGLISH WAR.

The conflict between the German and English languages has been, and is still, in some sections, a trouble to us. Our fathers, when they came to this country, used only the German language. They settled in communities together, and there was no need among them for any other language. Their pastors, their worship, their schools and their books, were all German. But this could not always last. Other colonies were settled by English people, and in time English people moved in among the German communities. The Government used the English language, and it also became more and more the language of business. Some of our own people, of the second generation, thus became familiar with the English language, and these were often, perhaps most generally, among the most active and enterprising. These pushed—perhaps sometimes too soon and too zealously—for the introduction of English in the town and city churches.

Here the trouble began, because there were real difficulties in the way. The pastors were not able to preach in English at all, or only with great difficulty. The majority of the people understood German best. The whole bias of their minds and hearts were in its favor. While those turning English pushed, perhaps, too hastily, those still German hung back too heavily. The consequence was, that our well-meaning fathers, by holding on to the German too long and too selfishly, sacrificed that valuable and active material which was turning English. Thus, sixty or seventy years ago, began that gradual transition from German to English, which, from year to year, has carried much of our most valuable material over into English Churches. What would

the Reformed Church now be, if it had kept in its own bosom all the members, families and generations which, in the process of this conflict of languages, has passed forever out of its bosom!

Let us not blame our fathers. To err is human. But let us not now, with all this dearly-bought light of experience, still repeat and continue the same error. Let congregations which, from the force of circumstances, are turning English, show themselves up to the times, and "accept the logic of events." Is it not better to let English come in, than to drive the young out?

On the other hand, let not the English be too hasty and impatient. To rob those who do not understand English entirely of German service, is ungrateful and wicked. Let both interests be duly provided for. This can easily be done, if both work together. The fathers must not be so slow in yielding; as to drive out the young into strange pastures; nor must the young be so hasty as to try to bury their fathers before they are dead!

II.—LARGE CHARGES.

Large pastoral charges were a necessity in the earlier history of the Church. The country was thinly settled, congregations were small and far apart, and pastors were few. Thus the charge of a pastor often necessarily extended over two or three counties. Generally the congregations grew in size, and the members in wealth. Now they should have divided. But here then were difficulties. The supply of pastors had to be procured from Europe, and this was a slow process. When one came now and then, there were new fields that waited for him. The Church had no College and Seminary wherewith to fill up the ranks of the ministry. Meanwhile, the people, as the charges were large, found that but a small sum was required of cash to make up the pastor's salary. Thus the people began to become demoralized; and while the people feared that if the charges were made smaller, they would have more to pay, the timid pastor feared that to take away half of his charge would be the same as taking away half of his loaf. Hence, overgrown pastoral charges, which grew up from necessity, at first, were continued when that necessity existed no more at all.

Here was a great and sad mistake. These large charges were beyond the ability of one pastor. Only once in four or six weeks could he reach all his points, and proper pastoral visitation was entirely beyond his power. His field lay as open territory;

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and while he was at one end of it, the wolves and foxes got in at the other. There could have been no richer ground for the springing up of all kinds of fanaticism. Where there is for a long time no fire, it is easy to kindle up *wild* fire. In these large charges the people could not be well indoctrinated; no wonder at all that things run down, thus furnishing a kind of plausible ground for the cry that was lifted up all around: "Come out of Babel!"

But now shall this folly of large charges be continued? What excuse or reason is there for them now? Yet we have them still. Look into the statistical table of the Minutes of Synod. Add together the confirmed and baptized members, and you will find one charge of 3093; another of 3180; another of 2100; another of 2133; another of 2130; another of 2160; and a number of others of over one thousand, all in the bounds of one Classis! In several other Classes charges almost as large are found!

Now, how can these good pastors take proper care of three thousand souls? What makes it worse, is that these large charges extend over a wide territory. The pastor is kept on his horse day after day, preaching, baptizing, marrying and burying. When and how can he study? How can he make pastoral visits, and watch over the young? The thing is impossible; and it is the greatest cruelty to impose upon a faithful pastor labors, which no mortal is able duly to perform, while at the same time it leaves the door open to all kinds of fanatical incursions.

We can easily see that it is difficult for pastors and people who have been long together, to separate. We know that congregations hang on to their pastors with fond affection, and that pastors consequently find it difficult to tear themselves away. But is not this, after all, "conferring with flesh and blood?" Ought not such sacrifices to be counted small in comparison with the good that is at stake for pastors themselves, for the congregations, and for the Church?

Let not the Almanac-man be blamed for manifesting zeal on this point. He is not censuring either pastors or congregations, but simply writing a bit of history. He is pointing out an enormous existing evil, and showing whence it originated. It has been entailed on us, and we have shown how. Shall we entail it any further?

We know, too, that noble efforts have been made by the Classes to remedy the evil, and are thankful to God for the success that has attended their labors

in this direction. Let the good work go on, till, if possible, every shepherd shall have only one flock, so that he may be able to feed the sheep and the lambs as they need, and at the same time watch the in-thrusting wolves on all sides of his fold.

III.—SCANTY SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH.

This evil grows out of the one just under review. We have already intimated that overgrown pastoral charges tend to demoralize the people. When one, two, or three thousand are combined to support one pastor, and are content with one or two services a month, they can have a cheap gospel. In such charges, twenty-five to fifty cents each per annum makes a respectable salary, and the perquisites from so many, a nice pin-money beside. The people have gradually learned to give so small a sum, because there seemed to be no need of giving more. In these charges, at least only a few years back, twenty-five cent subscriptions were common; fifty cents was considered good; one dollar was regarded as liberal; and two or three dollars raised the suspicion that the one subscribing it wished "to show himself." We have ourself seen a subscription list two feet long, the aggregate of which summed up only \$80! In cheap times \$500 was regarded a respectable salary, and in many cases six to eight congregations were combined to raise it. This required only from \$50 to \$100 from each; and it has not been at all uncommon for congregations of from three to five hundred members, to be content with only raising one hundred dollars—for why should they raise more, when more was not needed as their due share of the whole?

All that is necessary to change this state of things is to cut up these large charges into smaller ones. At first some will hang back, and think it hard to do what they have been so long accustomed not to do. But, seeing the advantage and the necessity, they will gradually fall in with the course of progress. Wherever it has been tried, this has been the result. We could name charges in which there are men, who a few years ago, when their congregations were attached to large charges, gave \$2 and \$3, now pay \$20 and \$30 with more cheerfulness and pleasure than they paid the trifling sums before. Let the people be trusted. Let them be thrown upon their resources, and they will not fail to meet their responsibilities.

IV.—THE CATECHETICAL SYSTEM.

In the countries from which our Reformed fathers

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came, this system was carried forward in full force. It included catechising in the family, the school, and in the Church:—in the family, by the parent; in the school, by the school-master, and in the Church, by the pastor. On every Sunday, the afternoon service was a catechetical service with the children, parents and adults also attending.

It is easy to see in how many ways this regular system must have been interfered with in this new country, and in large and thinly populated charges. The Sunday afternoon had to be a regular church service at some point distant from the place where the pastor officiated in the morning, so that the afternoon catechetical service was almost necessarily impracticable. The difficulty of bringing the children together from great distances was also very serious. Then the school also was necessarily in a very imperfect state. Thus catechising was confined to an occasional period of two or three months, during which the pastor met those old enough for confirmation, on week days.

But now times and circumstances are changed; and the original full form of the system ought to be restored as far as possible. The occasional catechisation of some months before confirmation, including only those who expect immediate confirmation, ought to give place to a regular service with all the baptized, to continue all the year round.

There are difficulties still, it is true. Because the parochial school is no more beside the church. Then the evening service has taken the place of the afternoon service, and is in character a service for adults like the morning service; and the Sunday School has taken the place of the afternoon catechetical service. But the restoration of the parochial school is not an impossibility, at least for our larger and more wealthy congregations. It is also worthy of profound and earnest thought, whether as much is gained by the second or evening service for adults, as would be gained by the original afternoon catechetical service, which is alike profitable for adults and children, if attended in the right spirit. The Sunday School might be held in the morning, or in the afternoon take the form and character of a catechetical service.

It is plain that the various circumstances attending the early founding of the Church in this new country, has in various ways very seriously modified and changed the practical operation of the catechetical system. If it should show itself in any point weak and not fully efficient, the ground of this is

to be sought, not in the system itself, but in the innovations and modifications to which it has been subjected in the peculiar circumstances of its early American history. Let these facts be duly considered, and the proper remedy faithfully applied.

V.—GENERAL CO-OPERATION.

Whatever there may be lacking in the full and efficient co-operation of all our congregations in the various general benevolent enterprises of the Church, for its consolidation and extension, is to be explained in the same way from our peculiar history. In the earlier period of our Church, the different congregations and sections of the Church were far more isolated than they are now. Communion with each other was much less frequent. Travelling was slow and difficult. Mails were neither so frequent, so regular, nor so low in rates. There were no church papers by which any general movement could be commended to the co-operation of all. Thus there was no opportunity for one congregation to be stimulated and strengthened by the zeal and spirit of another. This isolation made general movements slow, heavy, and difficult. Then, too, having no general support and stimulus, these isolated congregations and communities naturally glided into a *habit* of feeling and action, which tended to centre their zeal and resources chiefly upon themselves and their more immediate surroundings.

Is it strange that in this way the general consciousness of the Church should be weakened, and if not in form still in spirit, a kind of congregational independency come to pervade the churches. The annual meetings of Synod, which many could not regularly attend on account of difficult travel, were not adequate to the keeping up of a vigorous unity of church life, and the pastors returning to their charges, felt that they and their congregations were again alone for the year.

Though the Church now possesses a pretty strong self-consciousness, and moves forward with considerable unity and mutual co-operation in all general enterprises, yet it is still far from being wholly penetrated and permeated by this general church life. There are still sections and congregations which are but feebly reached by the general movements of the Church, and their co-operation is not yet drawn out to the full extent of their latent power and influence. All parts of the Church do not yet alike bear the labor, and share the privilege of pushing forward the general enterprises and operations of the Church.

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Though many are being more and more apprehended by the general consciousness of the Church and its mission, and others consciously acknowledge and feel these general claims, without yet having full power to surrender themselves to them, there are others who are still almost entirely bound by the old habit inherited from a past period of our history, when circumstances afforded at least some kind of excuse for the deficiency.

But what a work is here upon us! To make the life and all the general enterprises of the Church as one solid and vigorous movement; and to imbue every Classis, congregation, family, and every individual member of the Church with the fulness of that spirit and mission to which God, in His providence, has called us, so that in every thing that the Church, as a whole, ought to do, the spirit of the ancient German motto may show itself in full and glorious force: "EACH FOR ALL, AND ALL FOR EACH!"

By the same kind of historical review, it could be shown how many of our church customs, our worship, and our old respect for the holy days of the church year, have all suffered injury, modification, and essential change from the circumstances and influences incident upon the planting and development of the Reformed in the new world, cut off, as our fathers were, in all these respects from the traditional life of the Reformed Church as it reigned in its original integrity on its own soil, in its own peculiar bosom of social life, and in its own religious sustaining element. It is of course an evil that these modifications and deviations came in, with the peculiar circumstances of the times, but it is a far greater evil now to continue and perpetuate them on the ground of mere bias and prejudices inherited from the past. Venerable truth is to be revered, but not hoary error.

EASTER EGGS.

The custom of presenting colored eggs to children at Easter time, is of very ancient origin, and can be traced back to the heathen, who regarded the egg as a sacred emblem of the restoration of man after the deluge. The Jews, however, took the egg as a type of their departure out of Egypt, and restoration to the Promised Land. In our day, the significance of the practice is rarely thought of. Yet it was doubtless intended to proclaim the doctrine of the Resurrection, of which there could hardly be a

better emblem than an egg. For life breaks from the shell as a quickened body from the tomb.

A modern traveller, in Russia, gives this account of Easter customs: "A Russian came into my room, offered me his hand, and gave me at the same time an egg. Another followed, who also embraced me, and gave me an egg. I gave him in return the egg which I had just received. The men go to each other's houses in the morning, and introduce themselves by saying: 'Jesus Christ is risen.' The answer is: 'He is risen indeed!' The people then embrace, and give each other eggs!" Here is another account, of an older date: "They (the Russians) have a custom at Easter, which they always observe, and that is this:—every year, against Easter, to dye or color red with Brazil wood, a great number of eggs, of which every man and woman giveth one unto the priest of the parish upon Easter Day, in the morning; and, moreover, the common people used to carry in their hands one of these red eggs, not only upon Easter Day, but also three or four days after, and gentlemen and gentlewomen have eggs gilded, which they carry in like manner. They use it, as they say, for a great love, and in token of the Resurrection, whereof they rejoice."

All these customs (as has been well observed) have their meaning and their lessons, and must not be set down to mere superstition or accident. They are, in a certain sense, sermons; and sermons of a very effective kind. They hand down religion from generation to generation. It was this very principle which was set forth in the appointment of the Passover. It is said in Ex. xii. 26: "It shall come to pass when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? that ye shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of the Lord's Passover.'" There we have distinct authority for teaching by customs.

MY STAFF.—"Did ye ask me if I had a Bible?" said a poor old widow in London. "Did ye ask me if I had a Bible? Thank God, I have a Bible. What should I do without my Bible? It was the guide of my youth, and it is the staff of my age. It wounded me, and it healed me; it condemned me, and it acquitted me. It showed me I was a sinner, and it led me to the Saviour. It has given me comfort through life, and I trust it will give me hope in death."

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THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE WEST,

BY REV. ISAAC H. REITER.

The Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, at first entitled simply "The Synod of Ohio," was organized on Monday, June 14, 1824, at New Philadelphia, and in 1839 measures were adopted for its division into six Classes. These *Classes*, with *others* subsequently constituted, were formally *organized* under the *name*, and at the *time* and *place*, as stated in the following table, viz. :—

NAME.	TIME.	PLACE.
Miami.....	December 24, 1842	St. Paul's Church, Butler Co., Ohio.
Lancaster.....	December 27, 1842	Werner's Church, Pickaway Co., Ohio.
Columbiana (1).....	May 13, 1843	Columbiana, Columbiana Co., O.
Sandusky.....	May 20, 1843	Wooster, Wayne Co., O.
Westmoreland.....	May 28, 1843	Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Pa.
Erie (2).....	June 4, 1843	Lockport, Niagara Co., N. Y.
Maumee (3).....	June 5, 1847	Evansport, Defiance Co., O.
St. Joseph.....	June 22, 1850	White Pigeon, Michigan.
Tiffin (4).....	April 28, 1851	Bloomville, Seneca Co., O.
CLARION (5).....	June 1851	Saegerstown, Crawford Co., Pa.
Northern German (6).....	June 22, 1852	Akron, Summit Co., O.
Indiana.....	June 24, 1852	Indianapolis, Indiana.
St. John's.....	June 21, 1854	Massillon, Stark Co., O.
Sheboygan.....	August 17, 1854	Herman, Sheboygan Co., Wis.
Illinois.....	October 13, 1854	Cedarville, Stephenson Co., Ill.
Iowa.....	September 17, 1859	Tipton, Cedar Co., Iowa.
Tiffin (<i>New</i>).....	December 6, 1864	Tiffin, Seneca Co., O.
Heidelberg (7).....	December 6, 1864	Bucyrus, Crawford Co., O.
Erie.....	December 6, 1864	Sandusky City, O.

NOTE.—The names of the Classes which have become *extinct* are in *italics*, and the one *dismissed* to the Eastern Synod, in *capitals*.

(1.) Columbiana Classis became *extinct*, June 21, 1854, by being dissolved and merged into the St. John's Classis. See "Western Missionary," July 20, 1854.

(2.) Erie Classis became *extinct* in 1846, by seceding and uniting with the "German Independent Synod of Ohio."

(3.) Maumee Classis grew out of the Sandusky Classis, extending over the western portion of its territory, and changed its name to that of *Tiffin*, April 28, 1851.

(4.) Tiffin Classis, by Synodical authority, was divided in 1864 into three Classes, namely:—Tiffin, Heidelberg and Erie.

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And as these three Classes formally organized themselves into separate bodies as Classes, December 6, 1864, the *old* Tiffin Classis may be regarded as having become *extinct* from that date.

(5.) Clarion Classis, at its own request, was by formal Synodical action *dismissed*, May, 1857, to the Eastern Synod.

(6.) The Northern German Classis became *extinct*, June 21, 1854, by being dissolved and merged into the St. John's Classis. See "Western Missionary," July 20, 1854.

(7.) This Classis, at the time of its organization, adopted the name of *Bucyrus*; but in 1865, previously to the meeting of the Synod, it changed it to that of *Heidelberg*.

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COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE WEST.

YEAR.	MINISTERS.	BAPTISMS.	MEMBERS RECEIVED.	TOTAL MEMBERS.	CONTRIBUTIONS.	
					SYNODICAL.	BENEVOLENT.
1856	125	1,991	1,620	15,200	\$ 76 64	\$1,310 74
1857	138	2,333	1,861	16,701	292 92	3,749 69
1858	135	2,259	1,625	17,955	372 00	2,995 38
1859	143	2,911	2,501	19,459	364 00	3,714 30
1860	151	2,740	2,248	20,626	389 50	4,067 29
1861	167	3,102	2,568	21,700	468 25	4,991 10
1862	168	3,319	2,557	22,800	350 95	5,300 54
1863	179	3,393	2,451	23,994	374 45	5,901 81
1864	191	3,579	2,357	25,151	401 71	17,974 15
1865	207	3,195	2,439	26,495	482 34	8,428 58
1866	204	3,299	2,571	28,000	559 39	11,145 63

These Statistics, excepting those relating to Ministers and Synodical Funds, are more or less deficient, but approximate the truth, and are perhaps as nearly correct as they can be made, in view of the many deficiencies of our statistics arising from carelessness or neglect. The figures, if incorrect, are rather *below* than above the true state of the case. The actual membership of the Reformed Church within the bounds of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States, should perhaps be set down at 30,000.

TER-CENTENARY FREE-WILL OFFERINGS IN THE WEST.

There are about 170 pastoral charges within the limits of the Synod of Ohio and adjacent States; but of these, only 74 furnished reports of their Ter-centenary operations. The *unreported* charges, with a few exceptions, did nothing in the matter, though repeatedly requested to engage in the work.

The amounts of Ter-centenary free-will offerings, as far as reported from such Classes, are as follows:

Miami Classis	\$5,167.51
Lancaster	578.77
Westmoreland	791.60
Sandusky	637.88
Tiffin	855.30
St. John's	2,254.74
Indiana	449.77
St. Joseph's	61.14
Illinois	33.17
Iowa	237.51
Sheboygan	13.00

\$11,080.39

The total amount of \$11,080.39 was distributed to the following objects and institutions, viz.:

General Benevolence	\$1,257.76
Home Missions	3,765.65
Foreign Missions	260.10
Beneficiary Education	1,404.16
Theol. Seminary at Tiffin	3,327.94
Heidelberg College	805.50
Mission House, Wis.	70.15
Orphan Homes	189.13

\$11,080.39

As a few charges, which had raised some free-will offerings, did not furnish a report thereof, the total amount of Ter-centenary contributions would perhaps have been about \$12,000. This is a large amount, but it is far from what it might and should have been, had all felt properly interested and done their duty. Counting the confirmed membership of the Reformed Church in the West at 25,000 in 1863, it would be only 48 cents to each member; and by adding the number of 15,000 of baptized members to the 25,000, making the confirmed and baptized membership 40,000, it would be but 30 cents to a member.

Looking at the matter in this light, the amount of Ter-centenary free-will offerings in the West, should have been at least \$30,000. And under a well defined plan of systematic benevolence, it would require but a small amount from each member, to raise annually \$30,000 or \$40,000, or even more.

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This ought to be done. Then, under God's blessing, an unexampled tide of prosperity and success would attend the interests and enterprises of the Church.

LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTIONS.

The condition and prospects of Heidelberg College and the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, are of a favorable and encouraging bearing. The college has an endowment fund of upwards of \$40,000, and efforts are being made to raise an additional amount of \$20,000. The Rev. Geo. W. Williard, D. D., has been elected President, and entered upon the practical duties of the office August 29, 1866. The teaching force has also been increased during the last year. The future looks hopeful and promising.

HOME MISSIONARY OPERATIONS.

The great work of Home Missions is steadily going forward in the West, and the territory of the Church is extending and enlarging. There are still many important openings in the Western States and cities, that urgently demand attention, and should be at once possessed. But to do this effectually and successfully, it will require more *men* and *means*, as well as a greater degree of self-denying consecration, liberality and effort. Who is prepared to say in response to the Lord with the prophet—"Here am I?" Who is ready to give his influence and energies in the work? Who is ready to contribute something to the necessary means? Will the Church seriously lay the whole matter to heart, and with becoming earnestness and liberality, do her whole duty in the work of missions? We, as a Church in the West, should raise \$10,000 for Home Missions during the year 1867. About 30 cents from each confirmed member will reach the amount.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

During the last Synodical year ending in May, 1866, *twelve students*, connected with Heidelberg College and the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, received beneficiary support to the amount of \$806. The full annual appropriation to a student is \$100. The total amount received from all sources during the year was only \$492.89. Had there not been a surplus of \$363.17 in the treasury, as the result yet of the Ter-centenary effort, the amount required to meet expenses would have fallen short over \$300.

The cause of Beneficiary Education is a good and noble cause. It needs and deserves the hearty sympathy and liberal support of the Church. There

are a number of *poor*, but *worthy* young men, who would willingly consecrate themselves to the service of the Lord in the gospel ministry, if they had the means of preparation. Will not the Church come to the help of such young men? Will she not encourage and support them? If, of the 18,000 baptized children of the Reformed Church in the West, *each one* would only pay 25 cents a year, the sum of \$4,500.00 could be raised. Children, think of it. Save your pennies, and therewith help poor young men to qualify themselves for the holy ministry. You will have your reward!

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have not yet any satisfactory statistics of our Sunday Schools in the West; but they are increasing in number and efficiency, and, as auxiliaries to the Church, are accomplishing a good work in training up the rising generation "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The most of our regularly established congregations have Sunday Schools in operation, and in others they are being organized. The time is not far distant, when they will be very generally, if not universally, in actual existence and working order in the congregations throughout the West. By a little assistance, in the way of counsel, effort, books and money, some schools might be established with good results in new and destitute congregations, especially in missionary fields.

CONCLUSION.

The course of the Reformed Church in the West is *onward*. She is not only increasing in numerical strength, but she is advancing in the sphere of piety, intelligence, true-church consciousness and Christian enterprise and benevolence. And, having passed the vortex of division and destruction, she is now thoroughly united and consolidated, with a promising and encouraging future before her.

The Lord has led her by ways we knew not of. His favor and blessings have been with her. He has done great things for her. He is still worthy of trust and confidence. And the past displays of God's goodness and blessing, should be an inspiring stimulus to her to put on "the whole armor of God," with the design and determination to be more faithful and diligent in the great work of human salvation, and more grateful to God for the blessings received. Then her mission will be properly fulfilled, her labors of love blessed, and her happiness complete in the fulness of divine grace and blessing!

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The college year is divided into three terms. First term, from Sept. 13th to Dec. 20th. Second term, from Jan. 3d to April 11th. Third term, from May 7th to July 25th—the day of Commencement.

HEIDELBERG COLLEGE, Located at Tiffin, Ohio.

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THE WESTERN SYNOD FOR 1867.

This Synod will meet in the First Church, Cleveland, Ohio, May 22d, 1867.

MEETING OF CLASSES FOR 1867.

ZION'S.—Gettysburg, on the second Friday in May, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

PHILADELPHIA.—White Marsh, Montgomery Co., on Friday, May 31st, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

LEBANON.—St. John's Church, Lebanon, on Thursday preceding Ascension day, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

GOSHENHÖPPEN.—Millerstown, Lehigh Co., on Friday before Ascension day, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

MARYLAND.—Emmitsburg, Md., on Friday preceding Ascension day, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

EAST SUSQUEHANNA.—Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., June 26th, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

WEST SUSQUEHANNA.—Bellefonte, on the third Thursday in May, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

NORTH CAROLINA.—Bethany Church, Davidson Co., N. C., on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

VIRGINIA.—Shepherdstown, W. Va., on the Friday before the third Sunday in May.

MERCERSBURG.—Pattonsville, Pa., on Friday, May 17th, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

CLARION.—St. John's Church, Monroe township, Clarion Co., Pa., on the last Thursday in May, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

LANCASTER.—Conestoga Centre, on Friday after Ascension day, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA.—Howertown, on Tuesday after Ascension day, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

ST. PAUL'S.—Brown's Church, Crawford Co., Pa., on Ascension day, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

NEW YORK.—Boston, Mass., on the first Wednesday after Whitsuntide, at 7½ o'clock, P. M.

WEST NEW YORK.—Christ's Church, Bierytown, on Thursday before Trinity Sunday.

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 Lang, J. E., New York, N. Y.
 Lantz, Daniel, Constantine, St. Joseph Co., Mich.
 Lantz, John, Newton, Catawba Co., N. C.
 Leberman, D. D., Meadville, Crawford Co., Pa.
 Leberman, L. D., Meadville, Pa.
 Lefever, J. M., Fairfield, Green Co., Ohio.
 Lefevre, Wm. D., Martinsburg, Berkley Co., W. Va.
 Lehman, T. D., Akron, Summit Co., Ohio.
 Leibert, J., Rossville, Clinton Co., Indiana.
 Leidy, George, Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.
 Leinbach, A. S., Reading, Pa.
 Leinbach, T. C., Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa.
 Leinbach, C. H., Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa.
 Leis, J. A., Miamisburg, Ohio.
 Leiter, S. B., Navarre, Stark Co., Ohio.
 Leonard, G. H., Basil, Fairfield Co., Ohio.
 Lescher, J. W., Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa.
 Leupp, A., Almond, Portage Co., Wis.
 Levan, F. K., Prof., Mt. Pleasant, Westm'd Co., Pa.
 Lichtenstein, J., Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Lienkamper, C., Lowell, Dodge Co., Wis.
 Limberg, C. A., Butler, Butler Co., Pa.
 Lisberger, Robert, Kreidersville, Northampton Co., Pa.
 Loeders, E. F., Lafayette, Indiana.
 Lohr, O. T., New Brunswick, N. J.
 Long, George, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Long, P. A., Lexington, N. C.
 Long, T., Salem, N. C.
 Loos, I. K., Richmond, Northampton Co., Pa.
 Loose, J. S., Greencastle, Pa.
 Loose, N. H., Shelby, Ohio.
 Love, J. W., Alexandria, Huntington Co., Pa.
 Lukens, Chas., Frankford, Philadelphia Co., Pa.
 Luscher, R., St. Josephs, Mo.
 Martin, Geo. H., Woodstock, Shenandoah Co., W. Va.
 Martin, C. T., Terre Haute, Ind.
 Matzinger, I., Swanton, Fulton Co., Ohio.
 May, Josiah, Finley, Hancock Co., Ohio.
 Mayer, Jacob, Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
 Mayer, L. J., New Hanover, Montgomery Co., Pa.
 Mayer, P., Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
 McCaughey, Wm., Greenville, Dark Co., Ohio.
 McCauley, C. F., Reading, Pa.
 McConnell, J., Johnstown, Licking Co., Ohio.
 Mease, Samuel, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Mechling, Geo. Z., Seven Mile, Butler Co., Ohio.
 Michael, J., Winnamac, Pulaski Co., Ohio.
 Michel, Christopher, Rahway, N. J.
 Mickley, J. M., Akron, Summit Co., Ohio.
 Miller, Abraham, Louisville, Stark Co., Ohio.
 Miller, E. D., Claypool, Kosciusco Co., Indiana.
 Miller, Henry, Schuylkill, Chester Co., Pa.
 Miller, J. O., York, Pa.
 Miller, M., Sharon, Mercer Co., Pa.
 Miller, M. A., Lake, Stark Co., Ohio.
 Miller, Samuel, Pottsville, Pa.
 Miller, Simon S., Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa.
 Millet, J. K., Walker, Centre Co., Pa.
 Mohr, F. J., Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa.
 Moore, D. R., Hillsboro', Highland Co., O.
 Mosser, Henry, Lancaster, Pa.
 Mühlmeier, H. A., Howard's Grove, Sheboygan Co., Wis.
 Naille, J., Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa.
 Neuber, J. G., 1304 Howard St., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Nevin, Dr. J. W., Lancaster, Pa.
 Noss, John G., Huntington, Indiana.
 Pence, John, Tremont, Clark Co., Ohio.
 Peters, J. A., Prof., Mt. Pleasant, Westmore'd Co., Pa.
 Pfister, J. P., New York, N. Y.
 Philips, Samuel, Allentown, Pa.
 Pilgram, Frederick, West Greenville, Mercer Co., Pa.
 Pluss, C., Crothersville, Jackson Co., Indiana.
 Poerner, J. B., Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
 Porter, Dr. Thomas C., Easton, Pa.
 Praikschat, L., Kiel, Manitowoc Co., Wis.
 Prugh, Peter C., Xenia, Greene Co., Ohio.
 Rath, C., Hessville, Ohio.
 Rebaugh, John, Harrisburg, Pa.
 Reid, S. H., Milton, Pa.
 Reily, Wm. M., Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.
 Reinecke, E. W., Nazareth, Pa.
 Reinhart, J., North Lima, Mahoning Co., Ohio.
 Reiter, C. H., Wadsworth, Ohio.
 Reiter, D. H., Berrien Spring, Berrien Co., Mich.

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- Reiter, I. H., Miamisburg, Ohio.
 Renter, W., Youngstown, Mahoning Co., Ohio.
 Rettig, George, Dayton, Ohio.
 Rettig, John, Crestline, Ohio.
 Reutlinger, Sol., Auburn, Fon du Lac Co., Wis.
 Riale, J., Independence, Buchanan Co., Iowa.
 Richards, J., Northampton, Ohio.
 Rickli, S. S., Columbus, Ohio.
 Riegel, Daniel, Dillsburg, York Co., Pa.
 Rike, Levi, Corydon, Indiana.
 Rinker, H., St. John, Edenburgh, Va.
 Rittenhouse, C. A., Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa.
 Romeis, John, Young America, Carver Co., Minn.
 Romich, A., 2023 Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Roser, Philip, North Vernon, Jennings Co., Indiana.
 Rodrock, W. D. C., Blain, Perry Co., Pa.
 Rothrock, D., Bucksville, Bucks Co., Pa.
 Ruetenik, H. J., Cleveland, Ohio.
 Ruetenik, N., Waukesha, Waukesha Co., Wis.
 Ruhl, J., Defiance, Ohio.
 Ruhl, J. B., South West, Elkhart Co., Indiana.
 Ruhl, J. G., Finley, Hancock Co., Ohio.
 Rupley, F. A., Middletown, Frederick Co., Md.
 Rupp, Wm., St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
 Russell, C. C., Latrobe, Westmoreland Co., Pa.
 Russell, Geo. B., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Rust, H., Prof., Tiffin, Ohio.
 Sandoe, W. B., Erie, Monroe Co., Mich.
 Santee, J. W., Cavetown, Washington Co., Md.
 Saure, C. Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Schaad, Fred., Dundee, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio.
 Schaff, Charles.
 Schaff, Dr. Philip, No. 5 Bible House, New York.
 Scheel, C., Hagerstown, Md.
 Schiller, C., Limaville, Stark Co., Ohio.
 Schlappig, Joseph H., Mohrsville, Berks Co., Pa.
 Schlosser, J., Kewana, Fulton Co., Ohio.
 Schneck, Dr. B. S., Chambersburg, Pa.
 Schneider, Dr. B., Aintab, Syria.
 Schoepfle, Christian H., Waukon, Allemakee Co., Iowa.
 Schory, P. D., Lancaster, Ohio.
 Schroeder, A., Hackensack, N. J.
 Schultz, C. W., Camden, N. J.
 Schultz, James A., Landisburg, Perry Co., Pa.
 Schwartz, J., Lorain, Stephenson Co., Illinois.
 Schwarz, L. B., Boston, Mass.
 Schwarz, P. A., Greenfield, Mass.
 Schwedes, R. S., Covington, Ky.
 Scott, J., Piqua, Miami County, Ohio.
 Seehler, Jacob, Hanover, York Co., Pa.
 Seehler, Jos., Lena, Stephenson Co., Ill.
 Seibert, G., D. P., Newark, N. J.
 Seipel, Tilghman J., Marshallville, Wayne Co., Ohio.
 Shade, J. S., Adams, Armstrong Co., Pa.
 Shafer, George, Nevins, Ohio.
 Shaw, Samuel, Mohicanville, Ashland Co., Ohio.
 Sheip, L. C., Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa.
 Shellhammer, I., Conyngam, Luzerne Co., Pa.
 Shenkle, A. B., Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa.
 Shepler, J. R., Navarre, Stark Co., Ohio.
 Shoemaker, D. O., St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Pa.
 Shoemaker, E. D., Youngstown, Westmorland Co., Pa.
 Shoemaker, J. G., Curllsville, Clarion Co., Pa.
 Shuford, M. L., Boonsboro, Washington Co., Md.
 Simon, J. J., Lanesville, Indiana.
 Skyles, N. H., Schellsburg, Bedford Co., Pa.
 Smith, M. A., Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa.
 Smith, R. R., Dushore, Sullivan Co., Pa.
 Snyder, Jacob F., Rural Village, Armstrong Co., Pa.
 Snyder, W. H. H., Harrisburg, Pa.
 Sorber, William, Vincent, Chester Co., Pa.
 Spangler, E., Edgerton, Williams Co., Ohio.
 Spangler, P. J., West Lebanon, Wayne Co., Ohio.
 Spies, Wm., New Bavaria, Defiance Co., Ohio.
 Staley, G. L., Jefferson, Frederick Co., Md.
 Stauffer, T. F., Greensburg, Westmorland Co., Pa.
 Stein, J. P., Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
 Steiner, J., Walkersville, Frederick Co., Md.
 Steinmetz, John W., Danville, Montour Co., Pa.
 Stepler, J. H., Vera Cruz, Wells Co., Indiana.
 Stern, Max, Louisville, Ky.
 Stern, M. G. I., Indianapolis, Indiana.
 Stewart, M. A., Burkettsville, Frederick Co., Md.
 Stiely, L., Rough and Ready, Schuylkill Co., Pa.
 Strassburger, N. S., Allentown, Pa.
 Strassner, F., Berwick, Seneca Co., Ohio.
 Stroes, H. M. K., Clymer, Chautauque Co., N. Y.
 Stuck J., New Pittsburg, Randolph Co., Indiana.
 Super, H. W., Lancaster, Pa.
 Swander, J. J., Lancaster, Ohio.
 Sykes, John, Somerset, Pa.
 Tendick, P., Huron, Erie Co., Ohio.
 Thomas, R. C., Springfield, Ohio.
 Thompson, Joseph B., Fremont, Ohio.
 Titzel, J. M., Emmittsburg, Frederick Co., Md.
 Toensmeier, Aug., Toledo, Ohio.
 Transeau, S., Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa.
 Trautman, H., Cleveland, Ohio.
 Van Court, R. A., New Hanover, Montgomery Co., Pa.
 Vandersloot, F. W., York, Pa.
 Vaughan, A. S., Reading, Pa.
 Vergenz, J. F., Auburn Clare, Fon du Lac Co., Wis.
 Vitz, P., Huntington, Huntington Co., Indiana.
 Vogt, J., Delaware, Ohio.
 Voigt, H. E. F., Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Pa.
 Von Puechelstein, Dr. Anton, Egg Harbor City, N. J.
 Wagner, H., Lebanon, Pa.
 Wagner, J. H., Pittsburg, Pa.
 Wagner, S. G., Blue Bell, Montgomery Co., Pa.
 Wald, Paul, Troutville, Clearfield Co., Pa.
 Wall, F., Georgetown, Brown Co., Ohio.
 Wanner, Aaron, Germantown, Ohio.
 Wasnich, W., Pulaski, Williams Co., Ohio.
 Weaver, J., Sidney, Ohio.
 Weber, Geo., Summum, Fulton Co., Illinois.
 Weiler, C., Galion, Ohio.

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Weiser, C. Z., Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.	Wolff, G., Meyerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.
Weiser, Daniel, Pennsburg, Montgomery Co., Pa.	Wolff, G. D., Norristown, Pa.
Weisz, I. S., Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa.	Wolff, J. G., Lancaster, Pa.
Welker, Geo. W., Shaw's Mills, Guilford Co., N. C.	Yearick, W. R., Hilltown, Bucks Co., Pa.
Whitmer, A. C., Martinsburg, Blair Co., Pa.	Zacharias, Dr. D., Frederick, Md.
Wiegand, H., White Pigeon, St. Joseph Co., Mich.	Zacharias, G. R., Upper Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa.
Wiehle, J. G., 530 St. John St., Philadelphia, Pa.	Zahner, Dr. J. G., Rogersville, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio.
Willers, D., Fayette, Seneca Co., N. Y.	Zehring, J. D., Codorus, York Co., Pa.
Williard, Dr. G. W., Tiffin, Ohio.	Zeiser, Philip, Hamburg, Mercer Co., Pa.
Williard, H., Circleville, Pickaway Co., Ohio.	Zeller, Daniel, Allentown, Pa.
Wilson, E. B., Forks, Columbia Co., Pa.	Zellers, Jonathan, Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa.
Winter, H. A., Milwaukie, Wisconsin.	Zieber, W. K., Hanover, York Co., Pa.
Winter, J., Chatfield, Ohio.	Ziegler, A. F., Mertztown, Berks Co., Pa.
Winters, David, Dayton, Ohio.	Ziegler, D., York, Pa.
Winters, T. H., Carrollton, Ohio.	Ziegler, G., Paris, Stark Co., Ohio.
Wise, F., South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.	Ziegler, J., York, Pa.
Wissler, H., Shepherdstown, W. Va.	Zimmerman, C. D., Galion, Ohio.
Wittenwieler, W., Watertown, Wis.	Zimmerman, W. H., Frederick, Md.
Witzgall, W., Napoleon, Ohio.	Zinck, H. K., Warren, Ohio.
Woehler, E. T. H., Appleton, Wis.	Zuileh, Steinsville, Lehigh Co., Pa.
Wolff, Dr. B. C., Lancaster, Pa.	Zumpe, G. H., Terre Haute, Vigo Co., Indiana.
Wolff, C. B., Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.	Zumpe, J. B., Lafayette, Indiana.
Wolff, D. W., Meyerstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.	Zwisler, Chas., Canfield, Ohio.

STATISTICS OF THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH.

	EASTERN SYNOD.	WESTERN SYNOD.	TOTAL.
Synods.....	1	5	2
Classes.....	16	13	29
Ministers.....	267	207	474
Congregations.....	700	449	1,149
Members.....	80,836	27,211	108,447
Unconfirmed Members.....	50,792	18,652	69,444
Baptisms.....	8,439	3,231	11,670
Confirmations.....	3,517	1,656	5,173
By Certificate.....	1,224	879	2,103
Communicants.....	65,600	23,337	88,937
Excommunicated and erased.....	19	184	203
Dismissed.....	653	482	1,135
Deaths.....	3,332	1,009	4,341
Sunday Schools.....	615	283	898
Sunday School Scholars.....	23,104	1,312	24,416
Benevolent contributions.....	\$36,271.08	\$11,145.13	\$47,416.71

NOTE.—The statistics of the Church are still very incomplete. Repeated action has been taken by Synod, with a view of securing full returns; and yet, though there has been some success, the desired end is not yet reached. May it not be hoped, that all Pastors will keep this matter in view?

DEATHS IN THE REFORMED MINISTRY FROM SEPT. 1, 1865. TO SEPT. 1, 1866.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE AT DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
Rev. John Stoneberger	1847	1848	Astoria, Illinois.	Decr. 8, 1865	45
" Samuel Gutelius	1822	1822	Lykenstown, Pa.	July 17, 1866	70
" Ephraim S. Sheip	1864	1864	Bellefonte, Pa.	July 26, 1866	...